

My name is Delilah Jones and I am a driver and shareholder of Radio Cab in Portland.

I would like to thank Chair Holvey and the members of this committee for allowing me the opportunity to speak today, and more importantly for your thoughtful consideration of these important and far-reaching issues.

I oppose House Bill 3246 for two reasons:

First, it specifically defines TNC's as different than taxis, which is absolutely untrue. No matter how the ride is arranged the service they provide is the same, and our regulations should reflect that. Equitable regulations are important to help ensure public safety and civic responsibility in our industry.

Secondly, by making a statewide regulation you would be overriding controls which have been the prerogative of local jurisdictions for 100 years, as well as taking revenue from local governmental agencies. This should not be done lightly, nor at the request of an out-of-state corporation. As others have stated, we should proceed cautiously.

With that in mind, let us examine House Bills 3043, 3045, 3093, and 3157. Taken in aggregate these four bills provide all of the positive benefits to the public of House Bill 3246, without the negative consequences.

The only amendments that I would suggest would be to make the criminal background and driving record checks in 3043 be required annually, and add a requirement for annual vehicle inspections for all private for hire transportation providers.

As an owner-operator at Radio Cab these requirements are hoops that I easily and gladly jump through every year. To me, they represent a contract with the members of my community, giving assurance that I will provide safe rides in perpetuity.

Public safety is my number one concern, as I'm certain it is yours as well, and House Bills 3043 and 3093 represent a minimum bar for drivers that want to be trusted to transport the public in the State of Oregon.

I am confident that you all will act in the best interests of the people of Oregon, not those of out of state corporations.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.