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Oregon Progressive Party Position on Bill at 2019 Session of Oregon Legislature:

HB 3023: Oppose

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party (OPP) opposes this bill, which:

Requires transportation network company that operates in this state to obtain license from Department of Transportation. Requires department to establish licensing program by rule and specifies conditions for obtaining license.

Requires transportation network company to keep certain records and to make certain disclosures to participating drivers and riders. Requires transportation network company to conduct criminal background check on individuals who apply to become participating drivers and to deny applications based on specified criteria.

Requires transportation network company to adopt, and oblige participating drivers to follow certain policies.

Specifies automobile insurance coverage requirements for participating drivers.

Permits insurers to exclude coverage for activities in which individual engages as participating driver.

Permits department to annually inspect random sample of records that transportation network company maintains.

Permits department to impose civil penalty for violation of provisions of Act.

Becomes operative on January 1, 2020.

While establishing some regulatory system for services such as Uber and Lyft is desirable, it is not acceptable to preempt all local regulation

of these services. The summary of the bill provided by the bill itself (above) fails to note its most important feature--total preemption of local regulation of such services, except normal traffic laws.

We believe that local conditions can warrant local regulation of these services, which can cause unnecessary traffic congestion, parking problems, and pollution.

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