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Representative Jeff Barker, Chair
House Committee on Business and Labor
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: SUPPORT for HB 3001 and -1 amendment

Chair Barker and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in Support of HB 3001 and the -1 amendment, both of which establish statewide standards for the Peer to Peer (P2P) Car Rental programs.

The advent of new 'sharing economy' applications has provided increased benefit to consumers across the globe, for sharing car rides, vacation lodging rentals, and now car rentals. Many of these business models are predicated on not acquiring local permits or adhering to local regulations and fee structures, under the guise that their business is not like the regulated entities. Yet, time has shown that these sharing economy businesses are like their predecessors and utilize public right of way, public infrastructure, and impact public safety.

HB 3001 and the dash 1 amendment provides statewide clarity in the burgeoning sharing economy industry of the P2P Car Rentals, including for definitions, authorities for commercial airports, and ensures that the P2P Vehicle Rentals adhere to the rules and regulations of the Airport entity.

These programs are operating within city limits and at airports, yet they do not adhere to the rules, regulations, or fee structures that similar rental car companies must comply with. These are rules that integrate the requirements of federal, state, and local laws to the benefit of the public. Specifically, at the City of Eugene Airport, all concessionaires (which car rental companies are considered), are permitted and compete through a Request for Proposal process that establishes their operational guidelines, rates for use of Airport property, and compliance with the Eugene Airports Rules and Regulations (attached with this testimony for reference).

Much like the City of Eugene negotiated and worked with the Transportation Network Companies to create a regulatory pathway that provided consistency with existing businesses (e.g. taxis), recognized the unique business differences of the sharing economy entity, and ensured greater public safety; we foresee the ability to work with the P2P Car Rental companies to create an agreement that is supportive, clear, and comprehensive. HB 3001 and the dash 1 amendment provides the regulatory umbrella from which to work from.

In closing, we ask that you provide a 'Do Pass' recommendation for this bill and the dash 1 amendment.

Sincerely,
Submitted Electronically.

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