

Written Testimony - HB 3023-A

House Revenue Committee

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Thank you to Chair Nathanson and the committee for the opportunity to submit written testimony today. My name is Greg Hopper-Moore, and I am a Lyft driver based in Eugene. After teaching for many years, I decided last year to change careers to become a stage manager. As an independent contractor, I sometimes need to supplement my theatre income. When Lyft brought rideshare to Eugene last September, I found a perfect solution. Now, when I am between productions, I drive for Lyft.

Although I live in Eugene, I often travel to different cities throughout Oregon for productions that I'm managing. I would love to be able to make money by driving with Lyft when I travel across the state, but this is made very difficult by the fact that ridesharing regulations are different from county to county. Lyft has provided me with the opportunity to pursue my passions while also allowing me to pay my bills, and it would greatly benefit me if there were even more chances for me to make income on the platform.

Ridesharing should be the perfect mechanism for people like me who travel around the state for work to earn extra money wherever I go, but the mismatched legislation that currently exists in Oregon has made this more difficult. I support HB 3023-A because I want to see uniformity, and I want to continue to see the service benefit other drivers like me who need a flexible way to make some extra money.

I hope the committee will think about the many rideshare drivers they'll be helping when they vote yes on HB 3023-A.