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SUMMARY

Requires insurance coverage for motor vehicles made available as part of peer-to-peer car sharing arrangement. Specifies coverage requirements and apportions responsibility for coverage among car sharing program operator, shared vehicle owner and shared vehicle driver.

Requires certain disclosures to shared vehicle owner and shared vehicle driver in car sharing program agreement. Requires shared vehicle owner to address recall notices for defects that affect safety of shared vehicle.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to peer-to-peer car sharing arrangements; creating new provisions;

and repealing ORS 742.585, 742.590, 742.595 and 742.600.

4 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

5 <u>SECTION 1.</u> Sections 2 to 15 of this 2023 Act are added to and made 6 a part of ORS chapter 742.

7 SECTION 2. As used in sections 2 to 15 of this 2023 Act:

8 (1) "Car sharing delivery period" means the time during which a 9 shared vehicle is being delivered to a location where a car sharing 10 period begins.

11 (2) "Car sharing period" means a period of time that:

(a) Begins when a car sharing delivery period begins or, in the absence of a car sharing delivery period, when a shared vehicle arrives at the location in which the shared vehicle will become subject to the control of a shared vehicle driver at or after the time specified in a reservation for the shared vehicle; and

17 (b) Ends at the car sharing termination time.

18 (3)(a) "Car sharing program agreement" means the terms and con-NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type. ditions that set forth the duties of a shared vehicle owner and a shared
vehicle driver with respect to use of a shared vehicle through a peerto-peer car sharing program.

4 (b) "Car sharing program agreement" does not include a rental 5 agreement, as defined in ORS 646A.140.

6 (4) "Car sharing program operator" means a person that owns and
7 engages in the business of operating a peer-to-peer car sharing pro8 gram for use by residents of this state.

9 (5) "Car sharing termination time" means the time at which the 10 earliest of the following events occurs:

(a) A shared vehicle driver delivers a shared vehicle to a location
specified in a car sharing program agreement after the expiration of
the period during which the shared vehicle driver may use the shared
vehicle under the terms and conditions of the car sharing program
agreement;

16 (b) A shared vehicle driver delivers a shared vehicle to a location 17 other than the location specified in the car sharing program agree-18 ment if the shared vehicle owner and the shared vehicle driver agree 19 upon the alternative location through the peer-to-peer car sharing 20 program; or

(c) The shared vehicle owner, or a designee of the shared vehicle
 owner, takes possession and control of the shared vehicle.

(6)(a) "Peer-to-peer car sharing arrangement" means a motor vehicle owner's authorization for another person to use the motor vehicle
under the terms and conditions of a car sharing program agreement
that is communicated through a peer-to-peer car sharing program.

(b) "Peer-to-peer car sharing arrangement" does not include leasing
a motor vehicle or renting a motor vehicle from a car rental company,
as defined in ORS 803.219.

30 (7)(a) "Peer-to-peer car sharing program" means a method by 31 which, for consideration, an owner of a motor vehicle can communi-

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cate with and authorize another person to use the motor vehicle under
 the terms and conditions of a car sharing program agreement.

3 (b) "Peer-to-peer car sharing program" does not include business in
4 which a rental company, as defined in ORS 646A.140, or a car rental
5 company, as defined in ORS 803.219, engages.

(8)(a) "Shared vehicle" means a motor vehicle that a shared vehicle
owner makes available for use under the terms and conditions of a car
sharing program agreement and through a peer-to-peer car sharing
program.

(b) "Shared vehicle" does not include a motor vehicle that a car
rental company, as defined in ORS 803.219, rents or makes available
for rent.

(9)(a) "Shared vehicle driver" means an individual who has author ization from a shared vehicle owner to drive a shared vehicle under
 the terms and conditions of a car sharing program agreement.

(b) "Shared vehicle driver" does not mean authorized driver or
 renter, both as defined in ORS 646A.140.

(10)(a) "Shared vehicle owner" means the registered owner of a motor vehicle who makes the motor vehicle available for sharing under the terms and conditions of a car sharing program agreement and communicates the availability of the motor vehicle by means of a peer-to-peer car sharing program, or a designee of the registered owner that the registered owner authorizes to make the motor vehicle available for sharing as described in this subsection.

(b) "Shared vehicle owner" does not include a rental company, as
defined in ORS 646A.140, or a car rental company, as defined in ORS
803.219.

28 <u>SECTION 3.</u> (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this sec29 tion, a car sharing program operator during a car-sharing period shall:
30 (A) Assume a shared vehicle owner's liability for bodily injury to
31 other persons and for damage to the property of other persons;

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(B) Provide uninsured motorist coverage, as defined in ORS 742.500,
 to the shared vehicle owner; and

3 (C) Provide personal injury protection benefits to the shared vehicle
4 driver.

5 (b) A car sharing program agreement between a shared vehicle 6 owner and a car sharing program operator governs the limits of the 7 liability and coverage described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, 8 except that the limits of liability and the coverage must comply with 9 the financial responsibility requirements specified in the Oregon Ve-10 hicle Code.

(c) A car sharing program operator's assumption of liability under
 paragraph (a) of this subsection must, at a minimum, require the
 minimum payments specified in ORS 806.070.

(2) Except to the extent that the financial responsibility provisions
of the Oregon Vehicle Code require otherwise, the duties of a car
sharing program operator under subsection (1)(a) of this section do
not apply if:

(a) A shared vehicle owner makes an intentional or fraudulent
misrepresentation or omission with respect to a material provision in
a car sharing program agreement or to a car sharing program operator
before the car-sharing period in which a loss occurs; or

(b) A shared vehicle owner acts in concert with a shared vehicle
driver in failing to return a shared vehicle in accordance with the
provisions of the car sharing program agreement.

(3)(a) A car sharing program operator shall ensure that a motor
 vehicle liability insurance policy covers a shared vehicle owner and a
 shared vehicle driver during each car sharing period and:

28 (A) Provides primary coverage;

(B) Provides the coverages described at the amounts described in
 subsection (1) of this section;

31 (C) Recognizes that the motor vehicle that the motor vehicle li-

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ability insurance policy covers is a shared vehicle that is available to
and used by persons other than the shared vehicle owner under a
peer-to-peer car sharing arrangement; and

4 (D) Does not exclude a shared vehicle driver's use of the shared 5 vehicle.

6 (b) A car sharing program operator meets the requirement set forth
7 in paragraph (a) of this subsection if:

8 (A) A shared vehicle owner or a shared vehicle driver maintains a
9 motor vehicle liability insurance policy with the required coverage;

(B) The car sharing program operator maintains a motor vehicle
 liability insurance policy with the required coverage; or

12 (C) The motor vehicle liability insurance policies that two or more 13 of the persons described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this para-14 graph maintain combine to provide the required coverage.

(c) In addition to providing coverages described at the amounts described in subsection (1) of this section, the motor vehicle insurance policy must include coverage that pays the difference between the minimum payment amounts set forth in ORS 806.070 and the minimum payments due under the financial responsibility laws of another state if:

(A) The other state's financial responsibility laws require higher
 minimum payments; and

(B) An event that gives rise to a claim occurs in the other state
during a car sharing period.

(4)(a) Subject to subsection (2)(a) and (b) of this section, a car
sharing program operator or an insurer shall assume primary liability
for a claim if the car sharing program operator provides the motor
vehicle liability insurance policy required under subsection (3) of this
section, in whole or in part, and:

30 (A) A dispute exists as to who controlled the shared vehicle at the 31 time of a loss and the car sharing program operator does not have

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available, did not retain or fails to provide the information required
 under section 7 of this 2023 Act; or

3 (B) A dispute exists as to whether the shared vehicle was returned 4 to a location, other than the location specified in the car sharing 5 program agreement, upon which the shared vehicle owner and the 6 shared vehicle driver agreed through the peer-to-peer car sharing 7 program.

(b) Except under the circumstances described in subsection (2) of 8 this section, the car sharing program operator shall provide coverage 9 under the car sharing program operator's motor vehicle liability in-10 surance policy beginning with the first dollar of a claim, and shall 11 12 defend against the claim, if the shared vehicle owner's or the shared vehicle driver's motor vehicle liability insurance policy has lapsed or 13 does not provide the coverage required under subsection (3) of this 14 section. 15

(5) Coverage under a motor vehicle liability insurance policy that
 a car sharing program operator provides may not require as a condi tion of coverage that another insurer first deny a claim.

19 SECTION 4. Sections 2 to 15 of this 2023 Act do not:

(1) Limit the liability of a car sharing program operator for any act
or omission by the car sharing program operator or liability for an
injury to a person that arises as a result of using a shared vehicle
through a car sharing program agreement; or

(2) Limit a car sharing program operator's ability to seek by contract indemnification from a shared vehicle owner or shared vehicle driver for economic losses that the car sharing program operator suffers as a result of a shared vehicle owner's or shared vehicle driver's breach of a car sharing program agreement.

29 <u>SECTION 5.</u> At the time a vehicle owner agrees with a car sharing 30 program operator to make the owner's vehicle available for use as a 31 shared vehicle through a peer-to-peer car sharing program and again

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before the vehicle owner makes the vehicle available for use as a shared vehicle, the car sharing program operator shall notify the vehicle owner that use of a shared vehicle against which another person has a lien, including use as part of a peer-to-peer car sharing arrangement or without insurance coverage for physical damage to the shared vehicle, might violate the terms of the shared vehicle owner's contract with the lienholder.

8 <u>SECTION 6.</u> (1) An authorized insurer that issues motor vehicle li-9 ability insurance in this state may exclude any and all coverage under, 10 and the duty to defend or indemnify any claim made under, a motor 11 vehicle liability insurance policy in which the insured is a shared ve-12 hicle owner including, but not limited to:

13 (a) Liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage;

14 (b) Personal injury protection coverage under ORS 742.518 to 742.542;

(c) Uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage under ORS
 742.500 to 742.506;

17 (d) Medical payments coverage;

18 (e) Comprehensive physical damage coverage; and

19 (f) Collision physical damage coverage.

20 (2) This section does not limit, invalidate or restrict:

(a) An exclusion, including an exclusion of coverage for motor vehicles made available for rent, sharing or hire or for a business use,
in any motor vehicle liability policy, including an existing motor vehicle liability policy or a motor vehicle liability policy approved for use
in this state; or

(b) An insurer's ability to underwrite, cancel or decline to renew
 any insurance policy.

28 <u>SECTION 7.</u> A car sharing program operator shall collect and verify 29 records of each use of a shared vehicle during a car sharing period and 30 shall retain the records for at least two years. The car sharing pro-31 gram operator shall make the records available to the shared vehicle

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owner and to insurers that issued motor vehicle liability insurance policies to the shared vehicle owner or the shared vehicle driver for the purposes of investigating, adjusting, negotiating, settling or litigating a claim. The records must include, at a minimum:

5 (1) The times in which a shared vehicle driver used the shared vehicle;
6 hicle;

7 (2) The locations at which the shared vehicle driver picked up and
8 dropped off the shared vehicle during a car sharing period;

9 (3) The fees that the shared vehicle driver paid; and

(4) The revenue that the shared vehicle owner received from use
 of the shared vehicle.

<u>SECTION 8.</u> The protection from liability that is set forth in 49 U.S.C. 30106 for owners of motor vehicles that rent or lease the motor vehicle to other persons applies in this state to shared vehicle owners and to car sharing program operators.

16 <u>SECTION 9.</u> An insurer that defends against or indemnifies a claim 17 against a shared vehicle owner under a motor vehicle liability insur-18 ance policy that excludes coverage for the claim may seek contribution 19 against the insurer that issued a motor vehicle liability insurance 20 policy to a car sharing program operator if:

(1) The claim is against the shared vehicle owner or the shared ve hicle driver for a loss or injury that occurs during a car sharing pe riod; and

(2) The motor vehicle liability insurance policy that the insurer is sued to the car sharing program operator excludes coverage for the
 claim.

27 <u>SECTION 10.</u> (1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a 28 car sharing program operator has an insurable interest in a shared 29 vehicle during a car sharing period.

30 (2) A car sharing program operator may be a named insured in one
 31 or more motor vehicle liability insurance policies with coverage for:

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(a) Liabilities that the car sharing program operator assumes under
a car sharing program agreement;

3 (b) Any liability of a shared vehicle owner or shared vehicle driver;
4 or

(c) Damage or loss with respect to a shared vehicle.

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(3) This section does not create liability for a car sharing program
operator to maintain the coverage described in section 3 of this 2023
Act.

9 <u>SECTION 11.</u> A car sharing program agreement must disclose to a
 10 shared vehicle owner and a shared vehicle driver:

(1) Whether a car sharing program operator has any right to seek
indemnification from the shared vehicle owner or shared vehicle driver
for economic loss that the car sharing program operator suffers as a
result of a breach of the terms and conditions of the car sharing program agreement;

(2) Whether the motor vehicle liability insurance policy an insurer
 issues to a shared vehicle owner or shared vehicle driver defends
 against or indemnifies a claim the car sharing program operator may
 assert against the shared vehicle owner or shared vehicle driver;

(3) That the insurance coverage a car sharing program operator has
for shared vehicles is in effect only during car sharing periods and that
the shared vehicle owner and shared vehicle driver may not have insurance coverage for any use of the shared vehicle after the car
sharing termination time;

(4) The daily or hourly rate and fees for use of the shared vehicle,
along with any insurance costs or other costs that the shared vehicle
owner or shared vehicle driver must pay;

(5) That the shared vehicle owner's motor vehicle liability insurance
policy might not cover use of the shared vehicle as part of a peer-topeer car sharing arrangement;

31 (6) An emergency telephone number the shared vehicle owner or

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shared vehicle driver can use for roadside assistance or customer ser vice; and

3 (7) Any conditions under which a shared vehicle driver must main-4 tain a motor vehicle liability insurance policy with specified primary 5 coverage limits in order to participate in a peer-to-peer car sharing 6 arrangement.

SECTION 12. (1) A car sharing program operator may not enter into
a car sharing program agreement with an individual unless the individual is 18 years of age or older and:

(a) Has a driver license issued in this state or another state or
country that authorizes the individual to operate vehicles in the same
class as the shared vehicle the individual will operate under the car
sharing program agreement; or

(b) Has a specific authorization under ORS 807.020 to drive vehicles
 in the same class as the shared vehicle the individual will operate
 under the car sharing program agreement.

(2) A car sharing program operator shall keep a record of the name,
address, driver license number and state that issued the driver license
of the shared vehicle driver and of any other person who operates the
shared vehicle.

21SECTION 13. A car sharing program operator has sole responsibility for equipment the car sharing program operator installed in a shared 22vehicle and uses to facilitate or monitor the shared vehicle during a 23car sharing period and shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the 24shared vehicle owner for damage to or theft of the equipment that the 25shared vehicle owner did not cause. A car sharing program operator 26may require indemnity from a shared vehicle driver for damage to or 27loss of the equipment that occurs during the car sharing period. 28

29 <u>SECTION 14.</u> (1) At the time a vehicle owner agrees with a car 30 sharing program operator to make the owner's vehicle available for 31 use as a shared vehicle through a peer-to-peer car sharing program

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1 and again before the vehicle owner makes the vehicle available for use as a shared vehicle, a car sharing program operator shall verify that $\mathbf{2}$ the motor vehicle that the owner will make available does not have 3 any recalls for defects affecting the safety of the shared vehicle that 4 the owner has not had repaired. An owner that receives actual notice 5 of a recall for a defect that affects the motor vehicle's safety may not 6 make the motor vehicle available as part of a peer-to-peer car sharing 7 arrangement until the owner repairs the defect. 8

9 (2) A shared vehicle owner who receives actual notice of a recall for 10 a defect that affects the safety of a shared vehicle that the shared 11 vehicle owner has made available as part of a peer-to-peer car sharing 12 arrangement shall, as soon as practicable, remove the shared vehicle 13 from availability and may not make the shared vehicle available again 14 until the shared vehicle owner has had the defect repaired.

(3) If a shared vehicle owner receives actual notice of a recall for a defect that affects the safety of a shared vehicle that is in the possession of a shared vehicle driver, the shared vehicle owner shall notify the car sharing program operator of the recall in order to have the defect repaired.

20 <u>SECTION 15.</u> The Director of the Department of Consumer and 21 Business Services may adopt rules necessary to carry out the pro-22 visions of sections 2 to 15 of this 2023 Act.

23 SECTION 16. ORS 742.585, 742.590, 742.595 and 742.600 are repealed.

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