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House Committee on Business and Labor
900 Court St NE, HR F
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RE: Opposition to HB 3186

Chair Holvey, Vice Chairs Elmer and Sosa, Members of the Committee:

The City of Portland is committed to reducing the number of cars on the road and supports a range of alternative transportation options including car sharing. As such, we appreciate the need to work through issues related to providing insurance for this mode of transportation. Unfortunately, if passed as drafted, HB 3186 will prevent Multnomah County from collecting the Motor Vehicle Rental Tax, an important source of revenue for multiple jurisdictions including the City of Portland.

While we do not wish to disrupt a productive conversation about providing insurance for car sharing programs, the revenue generated from the Motor Vehicle Rental Tax plays an important role in funding important economic and cultural programs and facilities in Portland like the Rose Quarter. The revenue also helps the city and other local jurisdictions pay down debt service on large capital projects that support our regional economy and gives us places to gather and build community.

During a time when the City is already stretching its general fund dollars as far as they can go, please do not cut other important revenue that allow us to provide important programming and piece together the resources to make our budget work. Please remove all references to the statutes that support the County's ability to collect the Motor Vehicle Rental tax before HB 3186 continues.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Evyn Mitchell
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