

Chair Holvey, members of the committee, my name is **Kelley House**, I live in Ridgefield Washington, But I do most of my driving in Oregon and pay Oregon state income taxes. I have been driving for Uber/Lyft for almost 2 years. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today about my experience as a driver in the TNC industry...

I started driving for Uber and Lyft in 2015 so that I could spend more time with my family. At the time my daughter was spending about 4 hours per day in a day care where she wasn't happy and that reflected on the rest of our lives as well. So to rectify that we as a family made a significant change in our lives which included me giving up my career to spend more time with the people who matter to me. At first the income was sufficient with the introductory rates that were set by Uber and Lyft. However, shortly after the pilot period was over and the city of Portland released them for what was sort of a probationary authorization to do business, both companies lowered their rates by approximately 25%, in what was supposed to be a seasonal decrease. It never went back up.

This means that in order to make the same amount of money as when I started I would have to do 33% work for the same income as before. (Hourly that would be going from a 40 week to a 53.2 hour week.)

I am fortunate that I don't have to do this because for me and my family I can still survive on the decreased income thanks to my wife having a great job and us not having big bills to pay. But for many (probably most) drivers, they now have to work longer hours to make ends meet. This creates a safety hazard due to people driving when tired.

This bill would essentially give all the power to a corporation(s) that are not at all concerned with the people working for them in the field. Giving them the power to dictate all the rates, rules and regulations surrounding the TNC industry. Taxis were regulated to offer some protection to the men and women who drive them and to the passengers as well. I believe that this bill should be voted down and have something written in its place to offer the same protections to the TNC drivers and passengers.

The idea of Uber and Lyft being state wide is a great one, but a corporation with unchecked power will lead to corruption and abuse of that power.

Thank you for your time.

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