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Oregon House Paves Road for Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing

HB 3149 would allow a car owner to rent car to friends or neighbors through a car sharing service

SALEM – Today, the Oregon House of Representatives passed legislation lowering barriers to participating in peer-to-peer car-sharing. HB 3149 would allow a car owner to rent his or her car out to friends or neighbors through a car sharing service without fear of increased insurance rates or loss of policy. Instead, a car sharing service can insure a vehicle while it is rented.

The bill is Chief Sponsored by Representative Ben Cannon (D-Portland) and Senator Jackie Dingfelder (D-Portland). Co-sponsors of HB 3149 include Representatives Jules Bailey (D-Portland), Betty Komp (D-Woodburn) and Margaret Doherty (D-Tigard).

“Vehicles sit idle 92% of the time,” said Rep. Ben Cannon, citing testimony offered in committee. “Peer-to-peer car sharing allows car owners to recoup some of the costs of car ownership, and allows those without cars to rent a vehicle in their own neighborhood.”

Peer-to-peer car sharing enables private car owners to make their vehicle available on a temporary basis to a car sharing company for rental. In return, the vehicle owner gets a substantial portion of the rental revenue from the car sharing company. When not rented, the vehicle owner can continue to use their car as before.

“This bill offers an innovative, free market solution to challenges around vehicle usage,” said Rep. Komp. “We should do all we can to support common sense ideas like this.”

“Car sharing families drive demonstrably less than car-owning families,” said Senator Dingfelder. “Less driving means less congestion and less pollution.”

In committee hearings on HB 3149, John Atcheson of Getaround, a San Francisco-based car sharing service, testified that with passage of this bill, Getaround would immediately begin operating in Oregon.

“Peer-to-peer car sharing is poised to bring the benefits of car sharing to both drivers and car owners in every corner of the state - from Portland to Prairie City,” said Atcheson.

The bill now heads to the Oregon Senate for consideration.

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