



Testimony of

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Comments on HB2379 (Support)

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Chairman Longbine, Vice Chairman Fagg and Vice Chairman Peck, members of the committee:

On behalf of Turo, I respectfully submit the following testimony in **SUPPORT** of **HB2379**, which passed the House unanimously earlier this month.

As the largest peer-to-peer car sharing marketplace, Turo provides the opportunity for car owners (“hosts”) to share their cars with neighbors and travelers alike. Hosts earn a little extra income to offset the high costs of car ownership, or lessen the burden of credit card debt, student loans, or medical bills. Guests, who are also often local, enjoy the opportunity to choose an exact make, model, and price point to suit their specific needs or take them on their next adventure.

The peer-to-peer car sharing community supports the passage of HB2379, which represents national model legislation that carefully and thoroughly creates a balanced approach to regulating peer-to-peer car sharing. This model bill, adopted by the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL), marks the culmination of extensive negotiation and collaboration between the peer-to-peer car sharing industry, the insurance industry, relevant associations including NAMIC and APCIA, legislators, and other policy makers from across the country. Since its creation, this model has been adopted in some form in over a dozen states.

Perhaps most importantly, this bill establishes peer-to-peer car sharing as its own unique industry through clear and consistent definitions and sets forth a thoroughly negotiated regulatory framework to ensure a safe, reliable, and competitive marketplace. The broad adoption and endorsement of this approach highlights the agreement that the NCOIL model bill is the most appropriate way to regulate this growing industry.

More specifically, HB2379 sets forth insurance provisions to ensure coverage for all parties involved in a car sharing transaction along with robust consumer protections, provisions relating to disclosures, necessary recordkeeping, verifications, and safety recalls.

We thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this model legislation to support the growing car sharing community in Kansas and provide the opportunity for Kansans to earn a little extra income by sharing their personal vehicle.

Best regards,

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