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Senator Mia Costello

MEMORANDUM

Date: Thursday, February 09, 2017

To: Senator Shelley Hughes
Senator Kevin Meyer
Senator Gary Stevens
Senator Berta Gardner

From: Weston Eiler, Committee Aide

Re: Labor & Commerce Committee Members Questions – Senate Bill 14

During the Senate Labor & Commerce Committee's hearing of Senate Bill 14, the *Let's Ride Alaska Act*, Senators had several questions. Follow-up information is attached and detailed below. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any further questions or if there's anything we can do to be of assistance.

Senator Stevens

What is the cause and effect of rideshare companies entering a municipal transportation market?

A four-month pilot study in Portland, Oregon showed that despite an initial decline of 16% in taxi traffic, combined for-hire Transportation business grew 40% after the introduction of rideshare services.

Senator Gardner

What constitutes an Independent Contractor?

Alaska law does not define "Independent Contractor" in statute. AS 23.20.230(a) provides a list of job-types/occupations that are exempt from the State's Workers' Compensation program.

Can Uber drivers decline passengers? What are Uber's policies for confirming insurance coverage?

Yes - Please see attached letter from Uber regarding their verification procedures and driver protection policies.

Senator Hughes

Can drivers display proof of insurance electronically?

Yes - AS 28.22.019(a) allows for Alaskans to display proof of insurance on a mobile electronic device.