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Private for-Hire Transportation Advisory Body

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Topic or description of issue:

There are not enough wheel chair vans in service with our existing taxi fleets.

How is this impacting your industry?

Demand is too high. Passengers with mobility changes who need specialized vehicles are not able to freely move about the city. Our wheelchair van drivers are stretched to their limits and they get a great deal of angry passengers.

Reason to change the regulations?

My interest is in creating new policy and not change it

Proposed solution:

Request appropriations dedicated from the city of Portland General fund to be used to offset the price difference of a taxi sedan and a taxi wheelchair van. I would request this be a pilot project with \$250,000 made available and the program be administered by PBOT Private for Hire Regualatory. Proposed qualifying guidelines will provided to the committee at discussion.