



Getaround Testimony Opposing SB23-055 (Gardner)
Senate Transportation and Energy Committee, February 13, 2023,
1:30 p.m. MT
Chair Faith Winter, Vice Chair Kevin Priola

Getaround **opposes SB23-055**. This bill would create an undue burden on peer-to-peer carsharing programs and have an anti-competitive effect, hurting community members in Colorado who want to earn extra income through sharing their car as well as those who need affordable mobility options for necessary trips. Specifically, the bill imposes a significant and unnecessary administrative burden on both shared car owners and peer-to-peer carsharing programs in an attempt to solve a non-existent problem.

[Colorado law](#) specifies that "lessors" are eligible to opt out of paying sales tax upon purchasing a vehicle¹. The [Colorado Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Act](#)² is clear, however, that a "car sharing program" is not a "lessor" as defined in state code (§ 6-1-201)³, and there is nothing in state law to suggest that a car owner purchasing a car to share it through a car sharing program would be a "lessor." Accordingly, there is no justification for imposing this unique burden on peer-to-peer carsharing.

Peer-to-peer carsharing is a proven way to increase equitable and sustainable transportation options. The bill would impose barriers to the environmental benefits of taking cars off the road, such as reducing traffic, pollution, and carbon emissions. It also hinders economic opportunities for individuals to share their underutilized cars with the broader community, earn additional income to help pay the bills, and manage today's inflation.

Thank you for your consideration of my written testimony.

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¹ See, e.g., https://tax.colorado.gov/sites/tax/files/documents/SUTT_Motor_Vehicles_November_2021.pdf

² https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2019a_090_signed.pdf

³ <https://law.justia.com/codes/colorado/2016/title-6/fair-trade-and-restraint-of-trade/article-1/part-2/section-6-1-201>

