
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONVENE AN AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE
LEGAL PREPARATION TASK FORCE.

1 WHEREAS, nearly every major automaker worldwide is working
2 diligently toward deploying autonomous vehicles, or vehicles
3 that drive with little or no human intervention; and
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5 WHEREAS, autonomous vehicles benefit society by lessening
6 accidents and related injuries and deaths, reducing traffic-
7 related stress, lessening greenhouse gas emissions, easing
8 traffic congestion, and providing transportation for those
9 unable to drive; and
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11 WHEREAS, international companies in several locations have
12 begun using autonomous vehicles for commercial purposes, and
13 current autonomous vehicle industry trends suggest
14 overwhelmingly that all autonomous vehicles will be electric,
15 which could contribute significantly to Hawaii's clean energy
16 goals; and
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18 WHEREAS, twenty-nine states and Washington D.C. have
19 enacted legislation related to autonomous vehicles; and
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21 WHEREAS, governors in eleven states, including Hawaii, have
22 issued executive orders related to autonomous vehicles; and
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24 WHEREAS, despite the trends toward eventual adoption of
25 autonomous vehicles, Hawaii law is silent with respect to
26 autonomous vehicle testing or use; and
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28 WHEREAS, several factors make Hawaii an ideal location for
29 autonomous vehicle testing and use, including:



- 1 (1) A lack of shared state borders, which mitigates
- 2 jurisdictional concerns;
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- 4 (2) Weather that is ideal for autonomous vehicle batteries
- 5 and calm enough for autonomous vehicles to easily
- 6 navigate;
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- 8 (3) Predictable yet varied microclimates and traffic
- 9 patterns that allow testing in different conditions on
- 10 short notice; and
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- 12 (4) A robust telecommunications infrastructure that
- 13 includes wired and wireless infrastructure, multiple
- 14 cloud providers, and ample undersea fiber optic
- 15 capacity to all our neighbors; and
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17 WHEREAS, adaptation of any new industry and technology
 18 presents significant legal and societal challenges; and

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 20 WHEREAS, without testing and regulation of the inevitable
 21 autonomous vehicle industry, the State is at risk of lawsuits
 22 and societal confusion, among other concerns; and

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 24 WHEREAS, the adaptation and testing of autonomous vehicles
 25 should be examined for the State to prepare for the legal and
 26 regulatory implications of transitioning to autonomous vehicles;
 27 now, therefore,

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 29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 30 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 31 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature requests the
 32 Attorney General to convene an Autonomous Vehicle Legal
 33 Preparation Task Force to prepare Hawaii for the legal and
 34 regulatory implications of transitioning to autonomous vehicles;
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 37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Autonomous Vehicle Legal
 38 Preparation Task Force is requested to:

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- 40 (1) Examine existing laws across United States
- 41 jurisdictions relating to legal and insurance
- 42 regulation of autonomous vehicles; and



1 (2) Make recommendations relating to legal and insurance
2 regulation of autonomous vehicles in Hawaii; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Autonomous Vehicle Legal
5 Preparation Task Force comprise the:

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7 (1) Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee,
8 who shall serve as the chair of the task force;
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10 (2) Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or the
11 Director's designee;

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13 (3) Director of Transportation, or the Director's
14 designee;

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16 (4) Chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary;

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18 (5) Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary;

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20 (6) Chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer
21 Protection, and Health;

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23 (7) Chair of the House Committee on Consumer Protection
24 and Commerce;

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26 (8) Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation;

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28 (9) Chair of the House Committee on Transportation;

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30 (10) Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, or the
31 Mayor's designee;

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33 (11) Mayor of the County of Hawaii, or the Mayor's
34 designee;

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36 (12) Mayor of the County of Maui, or the Mayor's designee;
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39 (13) Mayor of the County of Kauai, or the Mayor's designee;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair of the Autonomous
2 Vehicle Legal Preparation Task Force invite representatives from
3 other entities to participate in the task force, including but
4 not limited to:

- 5 (1) A manufacturer of autonomous vehicles;
- 6 (2) An insurer of autonomous vehicles;
- 7 (3) A vehicle trade association; and
- 8 (4) Other stakeholders focused on autonomous vehicles; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Autonomous Vehicle Legal
15 Preparation Task Force is requested to submit a preliminary
16 report to the Legislature of its findings and recommendations,
17 including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days
18 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Autonomous Vehicle Legal
21 Preparation Task Force is requested to submit a final report to
22 the Legislature of its findings and recommendations, including
23 any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the
24 convening of the Regular Session of 2021; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Attorney
28 General; Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Director of
29 Transportation; Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; Mayor
30 of the County of Hawaii; Mayor of the County of Maui; and Mayor
31 of the County of Kauai.

