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

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17 WHEREAS, without testing and regulation of the inevitable
18 autonomous vehicle industry, the State is at risk of lawsuits
19 and societal confusion, among other concerns; and

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

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
28 2019, that the Legislature requests the Attorney General to
29 convene an Autonomous Vehicle Legal Preparation Task Force to
30 prepare Hawaii for the legal and regulatory implications of
31 transitioning to autonomous vehicles; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Autonomous Vehicle Legal
34 Preparation Task Force is requested to:

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- 36 (1) Examine existing laws across United States
37 jurisdictions relating to legal and insurance
38 regulation of autonomous vehicles; and
 - 39 (2) Make recommendations relating to legal and insurance
40 regulation of autonomous vehicles in Hawaii; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Autonomous Vehicle Legal
2 Preparation Task Force comprise the:

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- 4 (1) Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee,
5 who shall serve as the chair of the task force;
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- 7 (2) Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or the
8 Director's designee;
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- 10 (3) Director of Transportation, or the Director's
11 designee;
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- 13 (4) Chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary;
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- 15 (5) Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary;
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- 17 (6) Chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer
18 Protection, and Health;
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- 20 (7) Chair of the House Committee on Consumer Protection
21 and Commerce;
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- 23 (8) Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation;
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- 25 (9) Chair of the House Committee on Transportation;
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- 27 (10) Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu;
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- 29 (11) Mayor of the County of Hawaii;
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- 31 (12) Mayor of the County of Maui; and
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- 33 (13) Mayor of the County of Kauai; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair of the Autonomous
36 Vehicle Legal Preparation Task Force invite representatives from
37 other entities to participate in the task force, including but
38 not limited to:

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- 40 (1) A manufacturer of autonomous vehicles; and
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- 42 (2) An insurer of autonomous vehicles; and



