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Senator Beatz  




## **PLEASE VOTE NO on HOUSE BILL 2770 – Autonomous Vehicle Testing**

House Bill 2770 sets requirements for testing of autonomous passenger and commercial vehicles in Oregon.

The bill is problematic for several reasons:

- It includes definitions of automated vehicle (AV) levels that are inconsistent with internationally-recognized norms.
- Other definitions are unclear or inaccurate.
- It fails to preempt local regulations that are inconsistent with its provisions.
- It sets vehicle performance requirements that create conflict with the federal government's role in regulating the design, construction, and performance of motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment.
- The bill grants too much discretion to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) in drafting the regulations to implement the legislation.
- The bill does not allow driverless testing/operation.
- It fails to create a path to commercial deployment, which is essential for AV companies to invest in testing in a state.

To address these concerns, automakers presented alternative language that included consensus definitions carefully crafted by a broad range of AV industry stakeholders, which unfortunately was not incorporated into the bill. It would obviously be problematic for Oregon to adopt a bill that includes definitions that significantly deviate from accepted industry norms that have already been adopted by other states.

The stated purpose of the bill is to permit AV testing in Oregon. But given that no entities that could potentially test in Oregon support the bill, it is highly unlikely that the bill will achieve that purpose.

**Please vote no on HB 2770. No bill on this subject is better than this version!**

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