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**Position on Bills at 2025
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

HB 2671: Support



The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) is a coalition of over 50 local Indivisible groups throughout Oregon that cooperate and amplify their joint efforts to advance important federal and state legislation and engage with elected officials to promote causes for the benefit of all Oregonians.

COIN supports HB 2671, which would require:

- permits in order to test highly automated (driverless) vehicles on Oregon highways under certain circumstances
- specified umbrella insurance coverage for such testing
- the Department of Transportation (ODOT) to adopt rules governing testing

It would also:

- allow ODOT to grant certain exemptions for testing entities
- allow ODOT to impose a civil penalty for testing on Oregon roads without permit
- direct ODOT to submit a report on highly automated vehicle technologies to interim transportation committees by November 15, 2032.

We see little benefit in allowing the unregulated testing of driverless vehicles on Oregon highways, given the hazards of malfunctions. We note that the maximum fine allowed by HB 2671 for testing without a permit is only \$500, which hardly seems sufficient for deterrence.

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