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Joint Committee On Transportation

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HB2671

I am opposed to HB 2671 which would allow testing of driverless vehicles on Oregon Highways. Our highways are too crowded as is. This would add a whole new element of danger to venturing out on our already dangerous way too wide roads. It seems especially frightening for motorcycles, bicycles, and pedestrians to have to deal with.

We don't need autonomous vehicles.

We don't need more vehicles.

We don't need more roads.

WE NEED EFFICIENT, SAFE, RELIABLE, CONVENIENT, COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION that connects small towns and neighborhoods as well as larger cities. We should be putting all our transportation resources into this.

Cars and trucks are obsolete. It is not sustainable for everyone to own a car, even if it is an electric car (ever hear of the giant lithium mine destroying a cultural site on the Oregon/Nevada border? Ever hear of a coup in Bolivia so Elon Musk could steal the lithium? <https://www.counterpunch.org/2020/07/29/we-will-coup-whomever-we-want-elon-musk-and-the-overthrow-of-democracy-in-bolivia/>), and it is not sustainable to move huge quantities of freight by truck. Trains, trains, and more trains, please... and quickly. (We should have started 50 years ago, but since we didn't, better late than never instead of continuing to do the same things that got us into this mess.

Autonomous vehicles are the WRONG direction.)

Thank you.