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OPPOSE - TESTIMONY REGARDING H.B. 2671 (Ruiz, Campos)

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek, Committee members

Tesla **strongly opposes H.B. 2671**, which would restrict autonomous vehicles (AV) in Oregon by requiring a human driver. Tesla's mission is to accelerate the transition to sustainable energy, and democratize transportation by making it more efficient, affordable, and safe.

Requiring a human driver in an AV is antithetical to the very intent of autonomous vehicle technology. If passed, Oregon would be the first and only state to restrict AVs in this way, reducing the likelihood that the state captures the broad benefits of AV technologies.

Importantly, AVs will make our roads safer – as AVs don't drive drunk, text while driving, fall asleep at the wheel, or speed recklessly. AV trucks will also play a key role in mitigating the current driver shortage, which is expected to double by 2031 according to the American Trucking Association. Autonomous vehicle technology is critical to attaining the state's clean air goals, improving transportation safety, and addressing future goods movement needs.

While Tesla strongly opposes H.B. 2671 for these reasons, we are eager to support ongoing conversations focused on autonomous vehicle safety in Oregon.

Thank you,

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