



## We oppose House Bill 4085 as drafted.

With new technology comes new and unforeseen challenges. Getting Oregon autonomous vehicle ready is a complex task. While a statewide framework is necessary to set industry standards, local rules of the road are needed to support communities in adapting to the next generation of cars. From public safety needs to managing parking and more, local communities need to be in the driver's seat.

- **Public Safety:** Local governments need tools to address issues as they arise, like a [power outage that stops cars in lane](#). In addition, strong partnerships between the local government and the AV company are needed to keep workers in construction zones safe, to protect the community during special events, and address traffic during road closures. Stripping control at the local level means any solutions need to wait for an agency in Salem to act, instead of local leaders.
- **Main St concerns:** Cities across the state rely on Main St parking to bring people in to support small business and a thriving community. The ability of a local community to regulate their local roads, including parking and traffic management, is a key part of a strategic community vision.
- **Accountability:** HB 4085 directs law enforcement to treat AVs like human drivers, but it does not provide clarity on how to do so. The bill also exempts AVs from laws governing how humans drive, like duties if you injure a person or an animal. There are no set review periods for an AV permit, and no way to hold a bad actor accountable.
- **Environmental:** HB 4085 does not address 0 passenger trips, and it takes away tools for localities to address 0 passenger trips. It also does not require fuel efficiency or electric motors and prevents local communities from making that selection.
- **Labor and workforce:** Many are concerned with the displacement of Uber and Lyft drivers at a time when Oregonians are finding second or third jobs to survive.
- **Cybersecurity:** HB 4085 does not set forward cyber security standards and best practices. The bill also prevents local communities from setting their own standards – though these should be statewide standards.

HB 4085 leans too far in one direction by preempting any common-sense local regulations and tying the hands of local government. We urge local control to allow communities to be responsive to emerging issues. We ask that you vote no on HB 4085 and instead work in the interim to craft a framework that meets the needs of all parties involved.