



February 9, 2026

House Committee on Transportation
900 Court St, NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Rep. McLain, Vice Chairs Rep. Boshart-Davis and Rep. Gamba, and members of the committee:

The Technology Association of Oregon (TAO) is the force behind the regional tech industry—supporting entrepreneurs, connecting peers and decision makers statewide, and helping establish the Northwest as a global hub for innovation. We work with over 500 tech and tech-enabled companies throughout Oregon, ranging in size from one-person startups to some of the largest tech companies in the world.

TAO appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 4085, creating a responsible framework for authorizing the operation of autonomous vehicles (AVs) in Oregon. Passing HB 4085 would allow for the testing and deployment of autonomous vehicles in this state, providing Oregonians with an innovative transportation model that will improve passenger and pedestrian safety, expand access, offer economic and workforce benefits and help meet the state's transit and climate goals.

Human error plays a significant role in the number of crashes that occur on Oregon's streets—the adoption of fully autonomous vehicles can help address and eliminate these preventable crashes. Where autonomous vehicle technologies are already deployed, these vehicles are operating safely and transparently under existing traffic and reporting requirements.

The adoption of this technology also creates opportunities for increasing economic activity and job growth through increases in tourism, access, and freight efficiency as well as workforce needs related to vehicle deployment and maintenance, remote assistance operators, data specialists and others.

In passing HB 4085, Oregon has an opportunity to join more than 25 other states in creating a pathway for the adoption of autonomous vehicle technology—aligning our state's transportation system with the realities of today's technologies. TAO urges your support for HB 4085.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Skip Newberry".

Skip Newberry
President & CEO, Technology Association of Oregon