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My husband and I recently visited Austin, TX, where we had the opportunity to see Waymo vehicles in operation. It was immediately noticeable how much more cautious and respectful of the rules of the road they are than human drivers. Their presence in Oregon would result in significant safety improvements on our roads; as someone who mostly moves about by foot, bicycle or transit, I know I'd much rather be around a Waymo than often unpredictable drivers. While I don't have any specific comments on the details of this bill, I urge the legislature to move forward with a framework that would allow the deployment of AVs in our state.