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I believe this resolution is bad for a number of reasons and should be strongly opposed. We shouldn't be passing legislation that puts more cars on to the road when we should instead be focusing on funding public transit, cycling, and walking infrastructure. More cars on the roads will just cause more safety issues for Oregonians who rely on walking and cycling to get around, we need to reduce car dependence, not increase it through self driving rideshare. Outside of that issue the fact that this bill pre-empts cities from being able to regulate this new industry is a terrible idea. Not allowing cities to control and regulate these vehicles that will be operating within them will just allow these tech companies to get away with making the roads less safe with no ability for cities to course correct. We've seen time and time again that the legislature can be too slow to react to problems like this so not allowing cities to solve problems and regulate is a disaster waiting to happen. For all of these reasons I strongly urge this bill not be passed out of committee.