

AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE STUDY

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Robert M. Spendlove

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires a study related to autonomous vehicles.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
 - ▶ requires certain state agencies to study autonomous vehicle technologies and report findings;
 - ▶ provides authority for agencies to partner autonomous vehicle technology entities;
- and
- ▶ grants rulemaking authority.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

41-26-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953

41-26-102, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:



28 Section 1. Section **41-26-101** is enacted to read:

29 **CHAPTER 26. AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES**

30 **41-26-101. Title.**

31 This chapter is known as "Autonomous Vehicles."

32 Section 2. Section **41-26-102** is enacted to read:

33 **41-26-102. Autonomous motor vehicle study.**

34 (1) As used in this section, "autonomous vehicle" means a motor vehicle equipped with
35 technology that allows the motor vehicle to perform one or more driving functions through
36 vehicle automation, without the direct control of the driver.

37 (2) Each agency of the state with regulatory authority impacting autonomous vehicle
38 technology testing shall facilitate and encourage the responsible testing and operation of
39 autonomous vehicle technology within the state.

40 (3) (a) The Department of Public Safety, in consultation with the Division of Motor
41 Vehicles, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Technology Services shall
42 study, prepare a report, and make recommendations regarding the best practices for regulation
43 of autonomous vehicle technology on Utah highways. The study shall include:

44 (i) evaluation of standards and best practices suggested by the National Highway
45 Traffic Safety Administration and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators;

46 (ii) evaluation of appropriate safety features and standards for autonomous vehicles in
47 the unique weather and traffic conditions of Utah;

48 (iii) evaluation of regulatory strategies and schemes implemented by other states to
49 address autonomous vehicles, including various levels of vehicle automation;

50 (iv) evaluation of federal standards addressing autonomous vehicles; and

51 (v) recommendations on how the state should address advances in autonomous vehicle
52 technology through legislation and regulation.

53 (b) The Department of Public Safety shall provide a written report and present findings
54 of the report, including recommendations, to the Transportation Interim Committee, before
55 December 1, 2016. The Division of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Transportation, and the
56 Department of Technology Services shall be present for the report to the Transportation Interim
57 Committee.

58 (4) The Department of Public Safety, the Division of Motor Vehicles, the Department

59 of Transportation, and the Department of Technology Services may partner and contract with a
60 person for the purpose of testing autonomous vehicles within the state.

Legislative Review Note
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