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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONVENE AN AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE  
LEGAL PREPARATION TASK FORCE.

1           WHEREAS, nearly every major automaker worldwide is working  
2 diligently toward deploying autonomous vehicles, or vehicles  
3 that drive with little or no human intervention; and  
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5           WHEREAS, autonomous vehicles benefit society by lessening  
6 accidents and related injuries and deaths, reducing traffic-  
7 related stress, lessening greenhouse gas emissions, easing  
8 traffic congestion, and providing transportation for those  
9 unable to drive; and  
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11           WHEREAS, international companies in several locations have  
12 begun using autonomous vehicles for commercial purposes, and  
13 current autonomous vehicle industry trends suggest  
14 overwhelmingly that all autonomous vehicles will be electric,  
15 which could contribute significantly to Hawaii's clean energy  
16 goals; and  
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18           WHEREAS, twenty-nine states and Washington D.C. have  
19 enacted legislation related to autonomous vehicles; and  
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21           WHEREAS, governors in eleven states, including Hawaii, have  
22 issued executive orders related to autonomous vehicles; and  
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24           WHEREAS, despite the trends toward eventual adoption of  
25 autonomous vehicles, Hawaii law is silent with respect to  
26 autonomous vehicle testing or use; and  
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28           WHEREAS, several factors make Hawaii an ideal location for  
29 autonomous vehicle testing and use, including:  
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31           (1) A lack of shared state borders, which mitigates  
32 jurisdictional concerns;



- 1 (2) Weather that is ideal for autonomous vehicle batteries
- 2 and calm enough for autonomous vehicles to easily
- 3 navigate;
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- 5 (3) Predictable yet varied microclimates and traffic
- 6 patterns that allow testing in different conditions on
- 7 short notice; and
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- 9 (4) A robust telecommunications infrastructure that
- 10 includes wired and wireless infrastructure, multiple
- 11 cloud providers, and ample undersea fiber optic
- 12 capacity to all our neighbors; and
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14 WHEREAS, adaptation of any new industry and technology  
 15 presents significant legal and societal challenges; and

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 17 WHEREAS, without testing and regulation of the inevitable  
 18 autonomous vehicle industry, the State is at risk of lawsuits  
 19 and societal confusion, among other concerns; and

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 21 WHEREAS, the adaptation and testing of autonomous vehicles  
 22 should be examined for the State to prepare for the legal and  
 23 regulatory implications of transitioning to autonomous vehicles;  
 24 now, therefore,

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 26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 27 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
 28 2019, that the Legislature requests the Attorney General to  
 29 convene an Autonomous Vehicle Legal Preparation Task Force to  
 30 prepare Hawaii for the legal and regulatory implications of  
 31 transitioning to autonomous vehicles; and

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 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Autonomous Vehicle Legal  
 34 Preparation Task Force is requested to:

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- 36 (1) Examine existing laws across United States
- 37 jurisdictions relating to legal and insurance
- 38 regulation of autonomous vehicles; and
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- 40 (2) Make recommendations relating to legal and insurance
- 41 regulation of autonomous vehicles in Hawaii; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Autonomous Vehicle Legal  
2 Preparation Task Force comprise the:

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- 4 (1) Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee,  
5 who shall serve as the chair of the task force;
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- 7 (2) Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or the  
8 Director's designee;
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- 10 (3) Director of Transportation, or the Director's  
11 designee;
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- 13 (4) Chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary;
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- 15 (5) Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary;
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- 17 (6) Chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
18 Protection, and Health;
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- 20 (7) Chair of the House Committee on Consumer Protection  
21 and Commerce;
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- 23 (8) Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation;
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- 25 (9) Chair of the House Committee on Transportation;
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- 27 (10) Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, or the  
28 Mayor's designee;
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- 30 (11) Mayor of the County of Hawaii, or the Mayor's  
31 designee;
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- 33 (12) Mayor of the County of Maui, or the Mayor's designee;  
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- 36 (13) Mayor of the County of Kauai, or the Mayor's designee;  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair of the Autonomous  
2 Vehicle Legal Preparation Task Force invite representatives from  
3 other entities to participate in the task force, including but  
4 not limited to:

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6 (1) A manufacturer of autonomous vehicles;  
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8 (2) An insurer of autonomous vehicles;  
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10 (3) A vehicle trade association; and  
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12 (4) Other stakeholders focused on autonomous vehicles; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Autonomous Vehicle Legal  
15 Preparation Task Force is requested to submit a preliminary  
16 report to the Legislature of its findings and recommendations,  
17 including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days  
18 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Autonomous Vehicle Legal  
21 Preparation Task Force is requested to submit a final report to  
22 the Legislature of its findings and recommendations, including  
23 any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the  
24 convening of the Regular Session of 2021; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Attorney General;  
28 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Director of  
29 Transportation; Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; Mayor  
30 of the County of Hawaii; Mayor of the County of Maui; and Mayor  
31 of the County of Kauai.

