

**Oregon House Bill 4063**  
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**Oregon House Committee on Transportation Policy**

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Chair McLain and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the member companies of TechNet, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on HB 4063. TechNet represents over 70 of the nation's leading technology companies. Our diverse membership includes dynamic startups to the most iconic companies on the planet. Also included in our membership are leaders in autonomous vehicle development, including Waymo (formerly the Google Self Driving Car Project), General Motors, Uber, and Lyft, to name a few.

The development of autonomous vehicles will enable tremendous societal benefits by improving vehicle safety and access to transportation for disabled people, the elderly, and others who cannot currently drive themselves. Fully autonomous vehicles will improve safety by reducing the severity and frequency of automobile accidents and will mitigate other inefficiencies of current motor vehicle use, such as congestion.

We do have a few concerns with the language in the bill that guides the task force to make recommendations on areas of legislation, which we feel can be addressed more thoroughly by the following language changes:

"(b) The proposed legislation under this section shall be consistent with federal law and guidelines, and in developing the proposed legislation, the task force shall consider ~~address~~ the following issues:

"(A) Licensing and registration;

"(B) ~~Law enforcement and a~~ Accident reporting;

"(C) ~~Cybersecurity;~~ and

"(D) Insurance ~~and liability;~~ and

"(E) Removing barriers to operation of autonomous vehicles without human drivers.

TechNet supports policies that encourage the safe deployment of fully autonomous vehicles on public roads in the United States. We look forward to working with you to craft such policies for Oregon.