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While I am certain autonomous vehicles will be a feature of our transportation system in the future, cities and municipalities MUST be able to regulate them. There are simply too many probably negative impacts, and we cannot rely on the Oregon state government to act nimbly to regulate. Maybe in a decade or two, once the technology has matured. But this will be a disaster for Oregonians.

The idea that our first AV regulations would preempt local regulations gives the game away: this is an effort bankrolled by corporate donors and wealthy interests, almost entirely out of state. Easier to pay off a few state legislators rather than a dozen cities. Passing this bill out of committee would be a scandal and I hope committee members who have taken money from these companies understand both these optics, and those that are doing this as a good faith effort understand why we need more time to consider and test out regulations (and wait for the technology to mature).