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I strongly oppose this bill because it will deny cities the right to regulate the operation of autonomous vehicles.

There are two safety issues involved here. The first, and more overt, is the physical danger that so-called "self-driving" vehicles pose to the public and to the drivers themselves. Their reliance on cameras -- as opposed to LIDAR, which is generally recognized as a significantly safer and less-intrusive choice -- has led to more incidents, injuries, and deaths than LIDAR-equipped vehicles have caused.

The second, and more insidious, is that these cameras are filming their surroundings at all times when the vehicle is operating. This isn't like a singular dash cam, recording the driver's perspective or the interior of the vehicle: instead, multiple 360-degree cameras are continuously filming everything in the vehicle's vicinity. And the data collected can be subpoenaed and used to target Oregonians who are just going about their lives. This strikes me as incredibly irresponsible, given recent federal activity in our state.

I strongly urge the Legislature to oppose this bill, which will needlessly endanger Oregonians and cause both short-and long-term harm. Thank you.