

HB1984 • Washington

Concerning vehicle and operator requirements for autonomous vehicles.

Introduced

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (Jan 12, 2026): By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.

Summary

HB1984 mandates specific vehicle standards, operator qualifications, and testing protocols for autonomous vehicles in Washington.

Business Impact

If you operate autonomous vehicles in Washington, you must comply with new vehicle and operator requirements or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- The bill mandates safety features and federal compliance for autonomous vehicles.
- Operators must be licensed and capable of remote oversight.
- Testing requires a permit and adherence to safety protocols on public roads.

Compliance Checklist

- Ensure all autonomous vehicles meet new safety standards | Who: Operators of autonomous vehicles | Penalty: Fines for non-compliance
- Train operators on new qualifications and requirements | Who: Employers of autonomous vehicle operators | Penalty: Fines for non-compliance

Industries Affected

Transportation

Automotive

Technology

Topics

Bill Sponsors

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Maycumber		Primary
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Related Bills

- SB5042 (WA)

Official Source

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