

HB1797 • Hawaii

Relating To Autonomous Vehicles.

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Sector-Specific

Effective: Jan 01, 2026 | Last Action (Feb 10, 2026): Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on CPC with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and none excused (0).

Summary

This bill mandates a human supervisor in automated vehicles used for commercial passenger transport and offers an income tax credit for training supervisors. The effective date is 7/1/3000.

Business Impact

If you operate a motor carrier with automated vehicles in Hawaii, you must ensure a human supervisor is present by 2026 or face regulatory penalties.

Key Provisions

- Requires a human supervisor in automated vehicles for passenger transport.
- Establishes an income tax credit for training supervisors.
- Applies to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2026.
- Sunsets on December 31, 2036.
- Effective date is 7/1/3000.

Compliance Checklist

- Ensure a human supervisor is present in automated vehicles during passenger transport. | Who: Motor carriers operating automated vehicles. | Penalty: Regulatory penalties for non-compliance.
- Establish a training program for supervisors of automated vehicles. | Who: Motor carriers utilizing automated vehicles. | Penalty: Ineligibility for tax credits if not compliant.

Industries Affected

Topics

Autonomous Vehicles

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
SAIKI (Introduced by request of another party)		Primary
MIZUNO		Primary
THIELEN		Primary
YAMANE		Primary
TAM		Primary
KAPELA		Primary
AMATO		Primary
COCHRAN		Primary
GANADEN		Primary
HUSSEY-BURDICK		Primary
KITAGAWA		Primary
KOBAYASHI		Primary

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-02-05	The committee on TRN recommend that the measure be	8	0	Passed

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