

HB4085 • Oregon

Relating to autonomous vehicles.

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Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Last Action (Mar 06, 2026): In committee upon adjournment.

Summary

HB4085 allows self-driving vehicles to operate without a license, prescribes financial responsibility requirements, and exempts operators from certain driver duties.

Business Impact

If you operate autonomous vehicles in Oregon, you must meet financial responsibility requirements by January 1, 2025, or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- Allows self-driving vehicles to operate without a license or permit.
- Preempts local laws regarding autonomous vehicle operation.
- Requires compliance with state vehicle laws and federal safety standards.
- Mandates a minimal risk condition or request for human intervention.
- Establishes financial responsibility requirements for operators.
- Exempts autonomous vehicles from certain traditional driver duties.
- Authorization for operating autonomous vehicles for hire does not expire unless suspended or revoked.
- Department of Transportation can grant exemptions to state equipment requirements.

Compliance Checklist

- Ensure autonomous vehicles can achieve a minimal risk condition or request intervention. | Who: Manufacturers and operators of autonomous vehicles | Penalty: Potential liability for damages in case of non-compliance
- Comply with state vehicle laws and federal safety standards. | Who: Operators of autonomous vehicles | Penalty: Fines or operational restrictions for non-compliance

Industries Affected

Transportation

Government

Automotive

Finance

Technology

Topics

AI Healthcare

AI Liability

Autonomous Vehicles

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