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AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE STUDY

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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8 **LONG TITLE**9 **General Description:**10 This bill requires a study related to autonomous
vehicles.11 **Highlighted Provisions:**12 This bill:13 ► defines terms;14 ► requires certain
state agencies to study autonomous vehicle technologies and report15 findings;16 ► provides authority
for agencies to partner with autonomous vehicle technology17 entities; and18 ► grants contracting
authority.19 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**20 None21 **Other Special**
Clauses:22 None23 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**24 ENACTS:25 **41-26-101**, Utah Code
Annotated 195326 **41-26-102**, Utah Code Annotated 195327

28 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. Section **41-26-101** is enacted to read:30

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31 **41-26-101. Title.**32 This chapter is known as "Autonomous Vehicles."33 Section 2. Section **41-**
26-102 is enacted to read:34 **41-26-102. Autonomous motor vehicle study.**35 (1) As used in this
section, "autonomous vehicle" means a motor vehicle equipped with36 technology that allows the motor vehicle
to perform one or more driving functions through37 vehicle automation, without the direct control of the
driver.38 (2) Each agency of the state with regulatory authority impacting autonomous
vehicle39 technology testing shall facilitate and encourage the responsible testing and operation
of40 autonomous vehicle technology within the state.41 (3) (a) The Department of Public Safety, in
consultation with other state agencies,42 including the Division of Motor Vehicles and the Department of
Transportation, shall study,43 prepare a report, and make recommendations regarding the best practices for
regulation of44 autonomous vehicle technology on Utah highways. The study shall include:45 (i) evaluation
of standards and best practices suggested by the National Highway46 Traffic Safety Administration and the
American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators;47 (ii) evaluation of appropriate safety features and
standards for autonomous vehicles in48 the unique weather and traffic conditions of Utah;49 (iii) evaluation
of regulatory strategies and schemes implemented by other states to50 address autonomous vehicles, including
various levels of vehicle automation;51 (iv) evaluation of federal standards addressing autonomous vehicles;
and52 (v) recommendations on how the state should address advances in autonomous
vehicle53 technology through legislation and regulation.54 (b) The Department of Public Safety shall
provide a written report and present findings55 of the report, including recommendations, to the Transportation
Interim Committee and the56 Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee, before December 1, 2016. The
Division

57 of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Technology58 Services shall
be present for the report to the Transportation Interim Committee.59 (4) The Department of Public Safety, the
Division of Motor Vehicles, the Department60 of Transportation, and the Department of Technology Services
may partner and contract with a61 person for the purpose of testing autonomous vehicles within the state.