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By Committee on Transportation

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 The commission must convene an executive and legislative work
6 group to develop policy recommendations to address the operation of
7 autonomous vehicles on public roadways in the state, subject to the
8 availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose.

9 (1)(a)(i) Executive branch membership of the work group must
10 include, but is not limited to: The governor or his or her designee
11 or designees, the insurance commissioner or his or her designee or
12 designees, the director of the department of licensing or his or her
13 designee or designees, the secretary or his or her designee or
14 designees, the chief of the Washington state patrol or his or her
15 designee or designees, and the director of the traffic safety
16 commission or his or her designee or designees.

17 (ii) Executive branch membership of the work group may also
18 include: The assistant secretary of the department of social and
19 health services aging and long-term support administration or his or
20 her designee or designees and the deputy director of the department
21 of enterprise services who oversees fleet operations or his or her
22 designee or designees.

23 (b) The president of the senate shall appoint two interested
24 members from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate. The
25 speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two interested
26 members from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
27 representatives.

28 (c) The commission may invite additional participation on an
29 ongoing, recurring, or one-time basis from individuals representing
30 additional state agencies, local and regional governments, local law
31 enforcement agencies, transit authorities, state colleges and

1 universities, autonomous vehicle technology developers, motor vehicle
2 manufacturers, insurance associations, network providers, software
3 development companies, and other relevant stakeholders as
4 appropriate.

5 (2) To prepare for the use of autonomous vehicle technology in
6 the state, the work group, while taking into account the
7 transportation system policy goals established in RCW 47.04.280(1),
8 must:

9 (a) Follow developments in autonomous vehicle technology,
10 autonomous vehicle deployment, and federal, state, and local policies
11 that relate to the operation of autonomous vehicles, including the
12 federal government's recommendations related to vehicle performance
13 guidance for autonomous vehicles, model state policy, and current and
14 possible federal regulatory tools for the regulation of autonomous
15 vehicles. The scope of the work must include autonomous commercial
16 vehicles, in addition to autonomous passenger vehicles;

17 (b) Explore approaches to the modification of state policy,
18 rules, and laws to further public safety and prepare the state for
19 the emergence and deployment of autonomous vehicle technology. Areas
20 for consideration may include, but are not limited to, manufacturer
21 vehicle testing, vehicle registration and titling requirements,
22 driver's license requirements, rules of the road, criminal law,
23 roadway infrastructure, traffic management, transit, vehicle
24 insurance, tort liability, cybersecurity, privacy, advertising,
25 impacts to social services, and impacts to labor and small
26 businesses;

27 (c) Disseminate information, as appropriate, to all interested
28 stakeholders; and

29 (d) At the direction of the legislature, engage the public
30 through surveys, focus groups, and other such means, in order to
31 inform policymakers for the purposes of policy development.

32 (3)(a) The commission must develop and update recommendations
33 annually based on the input provided by the work group. By November
34 15th of each year, the commission must provide a report to the
35 governor and the relevant committees of the legislature that
36 describes the progress made by the work group and the commission's
37 recommendations.

38 (b) The recommendations made by the commission may include
39 proposed modifications to state law and rules to address the

1 emergence and deployment of autonomous vehicle technology in the
2 state.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Sections 1 and 3 of this act expire
4 December 31, 2023.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The legislature finds that autonomous
6 vehicle technology is rapidly evolving and that the testing and
7 deployment of this technology is advancing at a rapid pace.
8 Washington state's policies, laws, and rules predate autonomous
9 vehicle technology and largely have not been developed in
10 consideration of the operation of this technology on roadways in the
11 state. At both the federal and state level, efforts are underway to
12 begin to establish a framework of policy guidance, laws, and rules
13 that will organize and govern the use of autonomous vehicle
14 technology in the United States. The legislature finds that
15 establishing an autonomous vehicle work group, to be convened by the
16 transportation commission, will facilitate state efforts to address
17 the emergence of autonomous vehicle technology. It is the intent of
18 the legislature for the transportation commission to develop
19 recommendations for policy, laws, and rules for the operation of
20 autonomous vehicles, with input from the autonomous vehicle work
21 group, that enable Washington state to address the public policy
22 changes necessitated by the emergence of this technology in an
23 informed, thorough, and deliberate manner. This effort is required
24 because robot cars are coming, but robot policy makers are not."

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25 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "group;" strike the
26 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
27 47.01 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: Removes the specific committee-based legislative
membership, and directs the President of the Senate and the Speaker
of the House to appoint two interested members from each of the four
caucuses. Makes two technical changes: (1) Codifies section 1 into

chapter 47.01 RCW and (2) refines the "subject to appropriations" language.

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