

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To establish in the Department of Transportation an Advisory Council for Improving Mobility Access for Underserved Populations and Senior Citizens.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

_____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ADVISORY COUNCIL ON IMPROVING MOBILITY**

4 **ACCESS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS**

5 **AND SENIOR CITIZENS.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the availability of
7 appropriations, the Secretary of Transportation shall es-
8 tablish in the Department of Transportation an Advisory

1 Council for Improving Mobility Access for Underserved
2 Populations and Senior Citizens (hereinafter referred to
3 as the “Council”) composed of not less than **[15]** and
4 not more than **[50]** members appointed by the Secretary.

5 (b) DUTIES.—The Council shall undertake informa-
6 tion gathering activities, develop technical advice, and
7 present recommendations to the Secretary regarding mo-
8 bility access for senior citizens and populations under-
9 served by traditional public transportation services and
10 educational outreach efforts with respect to the testing
11 and distribution of highly automated vehicles in com-
12 merce. The recommendations shall also be reported to the
13 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of
14 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
15 Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

16 (c) MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATIONS.—Members
17 of the Council shall be representative of—

- 18 (1) senior citizens;
- 19 (2) individuals dependent on public transpor-
20 tation living or working in underserved areas;
- 21 (3) the directors of independent living centers;
- 22 (4) the business community that has experience
23 with testing and developing automated driving sys-
24 tems, including representatives from the suppliers of
25 this technology, the small business community and a

1 representative who has experience with hiring senior
2 citizens and individuals dependent on public trans-
3 portation living or working in underserved areas;

4 (5) automobile dealers selling automated driving
5 systems; and

6 (6) academia with expertise in mobility access
7 for senior citizens and underserved populations.

8 (d) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy occurring in the mem-
9 bership of the Council shall be filled in the same manner
10 as the original appointment for the position being vacated.
11 The vacancy shall not affect the power of the remaining
12 members to execute the duties of the Council.

13 (e) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—The es-
14 tablishment and operation of the Council shall conform to
15 the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act
16 (5 U.S.C. App.).

17 (f) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—On request of the
18 Council, the Secretary shall provide such technical assist-
19 ance to the Council as **【the Council】** / **【the Secretary】**
20 determines to be necessary to carry out its duties.

21 (g) DETAIL OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—On the re-
22 quest of the Council, the Secretary may detail, with or
23 without reimbursement, any of the personnel of the De-
24 partment of Transportation to the Council to assist the
25 Council in carrying out its duties. Any detail shall not in-

1 interrupt or otherwise affect the civil service status or privi-
2 leges of the Federal employee.

3 (h) PAYMENT AND EXPENSES.—Members of advisory
4 councils shall serve without pay, except travel and per
5 diem will be paid each member for meetings called by the
6 Secretary.

7 (i) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this Act—

8 (1) the term “highly automated vehicle”—

9 (A) means a motor vehicle equipped with
10 an automated driving system; and

11 (B) does not include a commercial motor
12 vehicle (as defined in section 31101 of title 49,
13 United States Code); and

14 (2) the term “automated driving system” has
15 the meaning given that term in the September 2016
16 Surface Vehicle Recommended Practice Report
17 (J3016) by SAE International¹, or any successor re-
18 port thereto².