

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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H. R. _____

To establish in the Department of Transportation a Disability Mobility Advisory Council to make recommendations regarding advancing mobility access for the disabled community with respect to the testing and deployment of automated driving systems.

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. DISABILITY MOBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the availability of
5 appropriations, the Secretary of Transportation shall es-

1 establish in the Department of Transportation a Disability
2 Mobility Advisory Council (hereinafter referred to as the
3 “Council”) composed of not less than **[15]** and not more
4 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 ad-
8 vancing mobility access for the disabled community with
9 respect to the deployment of automated driving systems
10 to ensure an awareness of the needs of the disability com-
11 munity as these vehicles are being designed for distribu-
12 tion in commerce. The recommendations shall also be re-
13 ported to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
14 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
15 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

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

- 18 (1) individuals with disabilities and the individ-
19 uals’ representatives;
- 20 (2) disability researchers;
- 21 (3) 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 indi-
2 viduals with disabilities;

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

5 (6) academia with expertise in mobility access
6 for the disabled community.

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

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

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

20 (g) DETAIL OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—On the re-
21 quest of the Council, the Secretary may detail, with or
22 without reimbursement, any of the personnel of the De-
23 partment of Transportation to the Council to assist the
24 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) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term
8 “automated driving system” has the meaning given that
9 term in the September 2016 Surface Vehicle Rec-
10 ommended Practice Report (J3016) by SAE
11 International【, or any successor report thereto】.