

# **Committee Report**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**February 20, 2018**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Transportation to which was referred  
HB 1459,**

**AN ACT prohibiting autonomous vehicles on New  
Hampshire highways. Having considered the same,  
report the same with the following resolution:**

**RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

**Rep. Steven Smith**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Transportation
Bill Number:	HB 1459
Title:	prohibiting autonomous vehicles on New Hampshire highways.
Date:	February 20, 2018
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Vote 14-0.

Rep. Steven Smith  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

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COMMITTEE: TRANSPORTATION

BILL NUMBER: 1459

TITLE: PROHIBITING AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES ON N.H.  
HIGHWAYS

DATE: 2-20-18 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES  NO

OUGHT TO PASS

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Amendment No.  
\_\_\_\_\_

(SPS) →  INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2<sup>nd</sup> year of biennium)

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 12-0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

- Copy to Committee Bill File
- Use Another Report for Minority Report

Rep. Steven Smith

For the Committee



# **Executive Session**



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1459

**BILL TITLE:** prohibiting autonomous vehicles on New Hampshire highways.

**DATE:** February 20, 2018

**LOB ROOM:** 203

**MOTIONS:** INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. T. Walsh

Seconded by Rep. C. Moore

Vote: 14-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,



Rep Thomas Laware, Clerk



# Voting Sheets



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

1/5/2018 10:32:55 AM  
Roll Call Committee Registers  
Report

2018 SESSION

TRANSPORT

Bill #: HB 1459 Title: prohibiting autonomous vehicles on NH highways.

PH Date: 02 / 20 / 2019 Exec Session Date: Feb, 20 / 2019

Motion: ITL Amendment #: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Smith, Steven D. Chariman	✓	
Walsh, Thomas C. Vice Chairman	✓	
Chirichiello, Brian K.	✓	
Crawford, Karel A.	✓	
Laware, Thomas W. Clerk	✓	
Horn, Werner D.	✓	
True, Chris		
Dickey, Glen		
Moore, Craig C.	✓	
Torosian, Peter E.		
Valera, John J.		
Sykes, George E.	✓	
O'Brien, Michael B.		
Soucy, Timothy A.	✓	
Johnsen, Gladys	✓	
Vann, Ivy C.	<del>✓</del>	
Cleaver, Skip	✓	
St. Clair, Charlie	✓	
Lerner, Kari	✓	
Conley, Casey M.	✓	
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>		

13-0  
14-0



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Chirichiello, Brian K.	✓	
Crawford, Karel A.	✓	
Laware, Thomas W. Clerk	✓	
Horn, Werner D.	✓	
True, Chris		
Dickey, Glen		
Moore, Craig C.	✓	
Torosian, Peter E.		
Valera, John J.		
Sykes, George E.	✓	
O'Brien, Michael B.		
Soucy, Timothy A.	✓	
Johnsen, Gladys	✓	
Vann, Ivy C.	<del>✓</del>	
Cleaver, Skip	✓	
St. Clair, Charlie	✓	
Lerner, Kari	✓	
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TOTAL VOTE:		

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# Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1459

**BILL TITLE:** prohibiting autonomous vehicles on New Hampshire highways.

**DATE:** February 20, 2018

**LOB ROOM:** 203                      **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 1:02

**Time Adjourned:** 1:10

**Committee Members:** Reps. Steven Smith, T. Walsh, Laware, Chirichiello, Crawford, Horn, C. Moore, Sykes, O'Brien, Soucy, G. Johnsen, Vann, Cleaver, St. Clair, Lerner and Conley

**Bill Sponsors:**  
Rep. Guthrie

TESTIMONY

\* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

1) **Rep Horn-Introduced**

\*A) See attached written testimony

2) **Bob Scully, NEMTA-Opposes, Says the future will open up more dialogue**

Q)Is there a concern about AV's causing a loss of jobs.

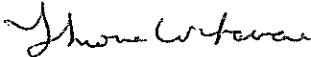
A) 2 states where truckers use AV's Nevada, Pennsylvania

3)**Chris Ialuna-DMV-Opposes bill , This might work in the future, but not yet, not without more study.**

4)**Jeff Dickinson-Granite State Independent Living-Opposes-**

\*B) See written testimony

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. Thomas Laware, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1459

BILL TITLE: prohibiting autonomous vehicles on New Hampshire highways.

DATE: ~~December 20, 2017~~ Feb 29, 2018

LOB ROOM: 203

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 01:02

Time Adjourned: 01:10

Committee Members: Reps. Steven Smith, T. Walsh, Chirichiello, Crawford, Horn, True, Dickey, C. Moore, Torosian, Valera, Sykes, O'Brien, Soucy, G. Johnson, Vann, Cleaver, St. Clair, Lerner, Conley and Laware.

Bill Sponsors:

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① Rep Horn - Introduced.

\* ① written testimony see attached

② Bob Scully - NEMTA - opposes - "

Says the future will open up more dialogue

Questions as there a concern about the AV's causing a loss of jobs.

2 states where trucks use AV's Nevada, Pennsylvania

③ Chris Balunas - DMU opposes but

This might work in the future but not yet. with more study.

④ \* Jeff ~~Robinson~~ - opposes  
Dickenson

⑤ see written testimony





# **Testimony (Handouts)**

## Transportation Committee

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February 20, 2018

Committee Hearing on HB1459 as amended, and act on  
Autonomous Vehicle Operation

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee: The sponsor of this bill, Representative Joe Guthrie, is out of State and was unable to reschedule this hearing. I have been asked to present HB1459.

The Bill simply prohibits any autonomous vehicle to be operated on New Hampshire roads without a licensed person in the driver's seat.

Your Committee has recently heard, and passed HB314 that was a comprehensive Bill laying out the licensing requirements for autonomous vehicle testing. The sponsor of HB1459 suggests to your committee that this Bill takes the requirements for operating all autonomous vehicles another step further to protect the safety of New Hampshire roads at each SAE level of driving.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Amendments  
Not adopted**

Rep. Guthrie, Rock. 13  
January 10, 2018  
2018-0088h  
03/04



*not adopted*

Amendment to HB 1459

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 New Subdivision; Autonomous Vehicles. Amend RSA 265 by inserting after section 161 the  
4 following new subdivision:

5

Autonomous Vehicles

6 265:162 Autonomous Vehicles; Operation Prohibited. No person shall operate an autonomous  
7 vehicle upon any way or allow an autonomous vehicle owned by him or her to be operated upon any  
8 way without a licensed person in the driver's seat.

**Bill as  
Introduced**

HB 1459 - AS INTRODUCED

2018 SESSION

18-2321  
03/01

HOUSE BILL

**1459**

AN ACT

prohibiting autonomous vehicles on New Hampshire highways.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Guthrie, Rock. 13

COMMITTEE:

Transportation

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ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits operating autonomous vehicles on ways of the state.

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Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through]~~.

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

