

Washington State Autonomous Vehicle Work Group Subcommittee Recommendation Form

Subcommittee	Licensing Subcommittee
Date of Meeting	October 29, 2020
Voting Members Present	14

1) RECOMMENDATION

The Licensing Subcommittee recommends that the Legislature grant the Department of Licensing general rulemaking authority over the self-certification program to better clarify what level of autonomous vehicle is required to self-certify with the agency prior to testing vehicles in Washington State.

RCW 46.92.010 *Testing—Self-certification pilot program*

(8) The department may develop rules for the purpose of administering and maintaining the self-certification pilot program.

2) RECOMMENDATION DESCRIPTION, CHALLENGES, AND MITIGATION

Washington should clarify what SAE level of autonomous vehicle the self-certification process is intended to apply to. Based on research and industry feedback, the assumption is that the self-certification program is intended to be for SAE levels 4 and 5, however this is not explicit in Executive Order 17-02 or Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2676. The Department of Licensing could accomplish this clarification through rulemaking, if given the authority from the Legislature. While not required, it could also be helpful if the Legislature granted DOL general rulemaking authority around the self-certification process to make this authority more clear.

Recommended Remedies:

The Licensing Subcommittee recommends a legislative change to RCW 46.92.010 to grant general rulemaking authority to define the SAE levels for the self-certification pilot program.

Additional Notes:



2) RECOMMENDATION DESCRIPTION, CHALLENGES, AND MITIGATION

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3) REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED

"X" or blank	Type of Change Required	Brief Description of Change Needed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cost impact mitigation	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Legislative change	Amend RCW 46.92.010
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory change	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	

4) IDENTIFIED IMPLICATIONS AND IMPACTS

"X" OR BLANK	Impact Area	Description of Implication / Impact
<input type="checkbox"/>	Infrastructure	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Safety	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Insurance	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health and livability	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Workforce	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Equitable Access	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	



5) VOTES

12	Aye
0	Nay
2	Abstained