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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Transportation (Brandes) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 429 and 430

insert:

Section 8. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 316.86, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



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9           316.86 Operation of vehicles equipped with autonomous  
10 technology on roads for testing purposes; financial  
11 responsibility; exemption from liability for manufacturer when  
12 third party converts vehicle; report.-

13           (1) Vehicles equipped with autonomous technology may be  
14 operated on roads in this state by employees, contractors, or  
15 other persons designated by manufacturers of autonomous  
16 technology, or by research organizations associated with  
17 accredited educational institutions, for the purpose of testing  
18 the technology. For testing purposes, a human operator must  
19 retain ~~shall be present in the autonomous vehicle such that he~~  
20 ~~or she has~~ the ability to monitor the vehicle's performance and  
21 intervene, if necessary, unless the vehicle is being tested or  
22 demonstrated on a closed course or any other autonomous vehicle  
23 testing roadway as designated by the Department of  
24 Transportation and applicable local or county government. Before  
25 ~~Prior to~~ the start of testing in this state, the entity  
26 performing the testing must submit to the Department of Highway  
27 Safety and Motor Vehicles an instrument of insurance, surety  
28 bond, or proof of self-insurance acceptable to the department in  
29 the amount of \$5 million.

30           ~~(3) By February 12, 2014, the Department of Highway Safety~~  
31 ~~and Motor Vehicles shall submit a report to the President of the~~  
32 ~~Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives~~  
33 ~~recommending additional legislative or regulatory action that~~  
34 ~~may be required for the safe testing and operation of motor~~  
35 ~~vehicles equipped with autonomous technology.~~

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38 And the title is amended as follows:

39 Delete line 30

40 and insert:

41 amending s. 316.86, F.S.; revising provisions relating  
42 to the operation of vehicles equipped with autonomous  
43 technology on state roads for testing purposes;  
44 authorizing research organizations associated with  
45 accredited educational institutions to operate such  
46 vehicles; authorizing the testing of such vehicles on  
47 certain roadways designated by the Department of  
48 Transportation and applicable local or county  
49 governments; deleting an obsolete provision; amending  
50 s. 320.02, F.S.; requiring, rather than