
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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SB 59 (Allen) - Autonomous vehicle technology: Statewide policy

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: TRANS. 10 - 1, E.Q. 7 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Mark McKenzie

Bill Summary: SB 59 would require the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to convene an autonomous vehicle (AV) interagency working group to guide policy development for autonomous passenger vehicles based on specified principles, and report recommendations to the Legislature by January 1, 2021.

***** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on May 16, 2019

Fiscal Impact:

- Estimated one-time OPR costs of up to \$100,000 for staff and administrative support to convene meetings of the working group, conduct research, and draft policy recommendations that further specified principles. (General Fund)

Author Amendments:

- Remove the requirement that OPR coordinate with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in convening the working group, and instead include CARB as a participant in the working group.
- Extend the due date for the working group to report recommendations to the Legislature by one year, to January 1, 2022.
- Require working group recommendations to consider other agency processes or programs that are ongoing and data points that are being collected.
- Make clarifying changes to the guiding principles of the working group, and include reductions of motor vehicle crashes and improvements to road safety among these principles.
- Revise the findings and declarations section.

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