

HB26-1286

AUTOMATED DRIVING SYSTEM COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE

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Summary

HB26-1286 is a **legislatively referred state statute** that, if passed by voters, mandates human oversight for self-driving semi-trucks in Colorado, requiring a commercial driver's license holder to be present, monitor the vehicle, and intervene if needed to prevent illegal or unsafe driving. The bill applies to commercial **trucks weighing 26,001 pounds and greater, including transporting hazardous materials and weapons**, while exempting recreational, military, farm, and firefighting vehicles. Given Colorado's unique terrain and unpredictable weather, particularly on Interstate 70, human presence is crucial for challenges like snow chains and difficult navigation.



Issue

1. **Safety Concerns:** Fully automated commercial vehicles pose risks, especially in emergencies like ice, snow, or hazardous conditions, due to the lack of human oversight.
2. **Legal and Liability:** Existing laws lack clear regulations for autonomous commercial vehicles, raising accountability and enforcement concerns, especially in accidents without a human operator.
3. **Public and Workforce Concerns:** Driverless trucks increase road safety risks and job losses among commercial drivers.

Solution

1. **Mandates Human Presence:** HB26-1286 requires a commercial driver's license (CDL) holder with proper endorsement to be physically present in the cab when an automated system is in use.
2. **Monitoring and Intervention:** The bill requires a human operator to actively intervene when needed, ensuring safety, legality, and clear accountability for autonomous commercial operations.
3. **PROTECTS GOOD PAYING PROFESSIONAL JOBS!**

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