

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Autonomous Vehicle Task
2 Force.

3 WHEREAS, autonomous or self-driving vehicles are vehicles that operate on public
4 roadways without direct human input or control of the steering, acceleration, and braking
5 of the vehicle; and

6 WHEREAS, automakers across the country are developing, testing, and deploying
7 autonomous vehicles with estimates of up to 3.5 million autonomous vehicles on
8 roadways by 2025; and

9 WHEREAS, 29 states and the District of Columbia have enacted legislation related
10 to autonomous vehicles; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives passed the SELF Drive
12 Act on September 6, 2017, which proposed new safety standards and federal guidelines
13 for autonomous vehicles; and

14 WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
15 released new federal guidelines for Automated Driving Systems (ADS) on January 8,
16 2020; and

17 WHEREAS, autonomous vehicle technology is not new and continues to develop.
18 Safety standards relating to how autonomous vehicles interact with human-driven
19 vehicles and how they respond to crashes, pedestrians, and other hazards continue to
20 improve; and

21 WHEREAS, as technology develops towards full automation, new issues
22 concerning insurance coverage and requirements on these vehicles will arise; and

23 WHEREAS, autonomous vehicles will have a considerable economic impact, both
24 in vehicle sales and in the trucking industry, potentially replacing human drivers in
25 commercial industries; and

26 WHEREAS, Kentucky law is silent with respect to autonomous vehicle testing or
27 use; and

1 WHEREAS, without testing and regulation of the autonomous vehicle industry, the
2 Commonwealth is at risk of lawsuits and societal confusion as other states move to enact
3 their own autonomous vehicle legislation;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

5 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
6 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:***

7 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission shall establish the
8 Autonomous Vehicle Task Force. The task force shall study and make recommendations
9 regarding:

- 10 (1) The potential safety benefits and concerns of autonomous vehicles;
- 11 (2) Liability, insurance, and product liability issues concerning autonomous
12 vehicles; and
- 13 (3) The economic impact of the use of autonomous vehicles, and the impact on
14 the commercial driving industry and employment.

15 ➔Section 2. The task force shall be composed of the following members, with
16 final membership of the task force being subject to the consideration and approval of the
17 Legislative Research Commission:

- 18 (1) The House co-chair of the Interim Joint Committee on Transportation as co-
19 chair of the task force;
- 20 (2) The Senate co-chair of the Interim Joint Committee on Transportation as co-
21 chair of the task force;
- 22 (3) Four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of
23 the House of Representatives; and
- 24 (4) Four members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate.

25 ➔Section 3. The task force shall meet as necessary during the 2024 Interim of the
26 General Assembly. The task force shall submit findings and recommendations to the
27 Legislative Research Commission for referral to the appropriate committee or committees

1 by December 1, 2024.

2 ➔Section 4. Provisions of this Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the
3 Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the
4 issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to
5 designate a study completion date.