

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB142

Chairperson: Senator Curt Friesen

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: January 29, 2019

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB142 will update the old Society of Engineers (SAE) definitions to match the SAE June 2018 definitions which is best practice.

The bill also establishes proof of financial responsibility requirements for manufacturers of at least five million dollars, with minimum coverage of one million dollars per vehicle, per occurrence. The bill would clarify liability between driver and manufacturer in the event of a crash or collision, based on whether the automation system is engaged. An exemption to liability is included for entities which repair such systems.

The bill would also authorize the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue guidance on the operation of driving-automation-system-equipped vehicles and, to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this act.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Suzanne Geist