

**Legislature - First Session - 2019**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB521**

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**Chairperson: Senator Curt Friesen**

**Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications**

**Date of Hearing: March 05, 2019**

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

Change and eliminate provisions relating to automated vehicles. These changes include:

1. Ensure individual human beings need to be responsible for the vehicle no matter how it is propelled.
2. Under the recently enacted legislation only railroad crossings are identified as areas that need to be anticipated in the regulation of this new technology, LB 521 adds 'school zone crossings' to that list.
3. Under current Nebraska law, State and political subdivisions have no authority to tax these new entities to compensate for the changes in infrastructure necessary to integrate them into the existing transportation system. Throughout Nebraska law, local law enforcement is not part of the requirements for consultation. Under current law, any local modifications to performance standards for the operations of robot-controlled passenger and commercial vehicles on local roads is prohibited. LB 521 would remove this prohibition.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Mike McDonnell