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Good afternoon, Co-chair Beyer and McKeown and members of the committee

For the record, my name is Jonathan Hopkins from Lime. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today.

As you may know, Lime is a micromobility company offering bike share and scooter-share options in over 150 communities around the globe. With Lime, you can unlock a scooter ride for \$1 and pay 15 cent per minute for green, spatially efficient transportation that reduces congestion and CO2 emissions in our communities. When people ride the whole community benefits, and Oregonians eagerly embrace the opportunity to make a difference. During Portland's recent scooter pilot, 34% of users say their last scooter trip replaced driving or ride hailing. Twenty percent of scooter trips are used to connect to transit, and forty percent of our riders reported have ridden a scooter to transit in the past week. In Portland's 4-month pilot, scooters alone removed 169,000 car trips from our road and reduced vehicle miles traveled by 195,000.

Meanwhile the equity impacts are large. Sixteen percent of Portland riders earned less than \$25,000 last year. Those earning less than \$50,000 annually comprise 32% of our riders. These stats are impressive, but unsurprising. Why? Because using a scooter + transit can save 74% over the cost of owning and operating a car. It helps reduce costs for families, reduce congestion for cities, and reduce carbon pollution for our planet.

With respect to HB 2671, the bill in front of us today, Lime recommends approval because it creates consistency between green transportation modes. Bikes and scooters are providing the same function, on the same number of wheels, at essentially the same speed, in essentially the same places. While we always recommend users wear helmets, we also think users should be treated equally under the law when using very similar mobility tools. This provides consistency for the benefit of the user and prevents confusion.

One can imagine a person riding a Biketown bike to class but finding only a scooter available after. We believe that person should be subject to the same rules no matter

whether they are choosing a scooter or a bike. Uniformity, consistency, and clarity should be the hallmarks of our state laws. This law and this legislation achieves that.

Thank you for your time today.