The Act creates the Task Force on Electric Micromobility. The Act takes effect as soon as it is passed. (Flesch Readability Score: 76.9).

 Creates the Task Force on Electric Micromobility.
 Sunsets the task force on December 31, 2024.
 Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to electric micromobility vehicles; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Electric Micromobility is established.
(2) The task force consists of 19 members appointed by the Director of Transportation.

The members of the task force shall include:
(a) Two members who represent the Department of Transportation.
(b) One member who represents a local government parks and recreation department.
(c) Three members who represent electric micromobility device operators, manufacturers or businesses.
(d) One member who represents law enforcement and emergency medical services.
(e) One member who represents a city with a population greater than 500,000 and one member who represents a city with a population of 500,000 or fewer.
(f) One member who represents a county government.
(g) One member who represents a metropolitan planning organization.
(h) One member who represents a public university.
(i) One member who represents the insurance industry.
(j) One member who represents a nonprofit organization with statewide experience on transportation electrification and micromobility.
(k) One member who represents roadway users with disabilities.
(L) One member who represents an association that represents motor vehicle users.
(m) Two members who represent active transportation organizations.
(n) One member who represents mixed-use trail users.
(3) The director shall appoint members to the task force so that there is at least one member from each congressional district in this state.
(4) The task force shall:

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in boldfaced type.

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(a) Review the existing Oregon laws relating to micromobility and personal mobility devices;

(b) Examine whether safety and education requirements should be required for motor vehicle users, electric micromobility device manufacturers, retailers and user groups;

(c) Examine how electric micromobility devices can be best utilized to promote equity, safety and climate goals in the transportation sector;

(d) Examine best practices for the use of electric micromobility devices, including but not limited to use on highways, bicycle paths, bicycle lanes, public lands, public spaces and mixed-use trails;

(e) Examine statutory definitions of electric micromobility devices;

(f) Address electric micromobility devices for commercial use;

(g) Examine provided education and certification programs relating to electric micromobility devices; and

(h) Seek input from community partners and relevant state agencies.

5) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members of the task force.

7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the director shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task force.

10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the Joint Committee on Transportation no later than December 1, 2024.

12) The Department of Transportation shall provide staff support to the task force.

13) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

15) As used in this section, “electric micromobility device” includes:

(a) Any small, low-speed vehicle or mobility device that is designed to be operated on the ground upon wheels and is propelled, at least in part, by an electric propulsion system that is incapable of propelling the vehicle or device, unassisted, at a speed of greater than 30 miles per hour on level ground;

(b) Any small, low-speed vehicle or mobility device that may be designed to serve any of a wide range of user needs from commuting to freight delivery; and

(c) Lightweight vehicles or devices including, but not limited to, electric assisted bicycles as defined in ORS 801.258, electric personal assistive mobility devices as defined in ORS 801.259, electric wheelchairs or scooters designed to enhance the mobility of a person with a disability as defined in ORS 801.387, motor assisted scooters as defined in ORS 801.348 or
mopeds as defined in ORS 801.345, provided the motor assisted scooters or mopeds otherwise
meet the criteria set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2024 Act is repealed on December 31, 2024.

SECTION 3. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect
on its passage.