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To: Members of the Joint Transportation Committee

**From: Marie Dodds
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Re: HB 4067 - Testimony in Support – Task Force on Electric Micromobility

Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Marie Dodds, and I am here today on behalf of AAA Oregon/Idaho to speak in support of HB 4067 with adoption of the dash 8 amendment. AAA Oregon/Idaho is a local not-for-profit organization serving more than 880,000 AAA members in Oregon and Southern Idaho. For over 100 years, AAA has been dedicated to helping travelers with roadside assistance, travel and insurance services, discounts, and additional transportation resources.

Electric micromobility devices, especially e-bikes, have become very popular for transportation and recreation throughout Oregon. E-micromobility presents opportunities to provide low-carbon transportation options accessible to a wide range of ages and incomes. However, as with many new technologies, their adoption has outpaced the regulatory environment. This has led to traffic safety challenges, an increase in unsafe and unlawful usage of e-bikes, and conflicts between pedestrians and those using e-micromobility devices.

We support the approach of HB 4067 to establish a task force whose membership represents a broad range of stakeholders, expertise, and interests related to e-micromobility devices. Importantly, the task force will be well positioned to review existing laws and best practices, making recommendations on how we can support e-micromobility in a way that ensures that these newer technologies can be integrated safely into our transportation systems, prioritizing safety for all users of our roads and pathways.

AAA looks forward to participating on this important task force, and we appreciated the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this bill.