



## LOC Supports HB 4067 E-Micro-Mobility Task Force

On behalf of the League of Oregon Cities (LOC), I am offering the LOC's support for HB 4067, which establishes a task force to review and provide recommendations on e-micro-mobility safety and education.

E-micro-mobility devices, especially e-bikes, are an emerging issue that warrants further study to determine potential impacts on public safety. The emerging technology, combined with increased access and marketing to youth, is creating safety concerns in communities as we have learned from our cities and what has been and will be shared on the record.

These micromobility devices, which include electric-powered mono-wheels, mono-boards, and unicycles, have an entry price of less than \$500. Since these are electric-powered, the torque or acceleration is instant, unlike peddle power with a bicycle or push power with a skateboard.

I'll offer my own experience. As odd as it may seem, I spend a fair amount of time on my road and mountain bike. The issue of speed and education is important and gets to the core of why HB 4067 is in front of you this evening. As an avid rider, I see conflicts with frequency in downtown areas between users of e-micromobility devices and the public, including myself, riding on public roads.

There is an entire generation of younger riders who did not have the benefit of peddling their way to school or downtown like myself or most of you this evening. Their first entry to mobility was an electric-powered bike, mono-board, or electric-powered unicycle. The principal difference between these modes of travel is speed. The technology today that is creating electric-powered e-micromobility devices is amazing.

This technology presents public safety challenges with younger riders who can go from zero to 20-30 mph instantly because of the power. This contrasts with peddle-power, where your average cyclist needs a couple hundred feet to hit 20 mph. As with many new technologies, the development of e-micromobility devices has outpaced the regulatory environment. This has led to public safety challenges in our community.

HB 4067 strikes a good balance with a task force to examine cities' public safety challenges from the expanded use of e-micromobility devices.

Please join LOC and other coalition members and support HB 4067.

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