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Joint Committee on Transportation

Re: Forth Support for HB 4067 - Electric Micromobility Task Force

Dear Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Co-Vice Chairs Boquist and Boshart Davis, and Members of the Committee,

Forth is a nonprofit trade association that advocates for the equitable advancement of transportation electrification across all sectors, including micromobility. We do this through programs that increase access to cars, charging, and modes like micromobility. We also convene mobility thought leaders, community partners, government agencies, and manufacturers at our annual Roadmap Conference.

Today I'm testifying in support of HB 4067.

Forth's work in the micromobility space includes the national Towards Equitable Electric Mobility (TEEM) program which convenes stakeholders in key states to support transportation electrification such as: e-micromobility planning, education and advocacy.

In 2023, the Oregon Department of Transportation published the Transportation Electrification Infrastructure Needs Analysis (TEINA) Electric Micromobility Supplemental Report, in which Forth was a member of the consultant team. The report confirmed that e-micromobility is a rapidly evolving transportation mode and identified a series of barriers related to safe infrastructure, education and awareness, cost, data, equity and administration. The creation of an "Electric Micromobility Task Force" as proposed in HB 4067 is well timed to examine the complexities of this emerging and critical transportation sector.

Forth looks forward to the task force's discussions which will include a review of relevant existing Oregon laws, safety and education, best practices for use and how these devices can be best used to achieve the state's equity, climate, and safety goals, related to transportation.

Oregon has set an ambitious climate and transportation goals and Forth believes that micromobility is a critical tool in the State's toolbox to meet those goals. As we work towards a modern transportation system that is inclusive of all transportation forms, we must do so thoughtfully and HB 4067 provides the opportunity to do so.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 4067.

Best,

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