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Chairs McLain and Gorsek, and Members of the Joint Transportation Committee
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chairs McLain and Gorsek, and Members of the Joint Transportation Committee:

Bike Walk Roseburg was formed to educate, promote and advocate for bicycle and pedestrian travel. We are writing to express our strong support for HB 3626, which will establish clear, sensible micromobility regulations while improving safety for all road users. As individuals and as an organization engaged in helping promote a safer, healthier, friendlier, environmentally sound way for people to move about their community, we have seen firsthand how micromobility can transform the way people move, work, and connect with their communities. We would like to point out that micromobility vehicles offer these benefits regardless of the size of community, and we'd note they are particularly useful in helping people get around in hilly areas, such as ours.

[Insert a personal or organizational statement on why you support HB 3626. You might share how micromobility benefits you, your business, or your advocacy work, or how inconsistent regulations have created challenges.]

E-bikes have many benefits for all members of the community, including youth, adults, and older adults, as well as people with limited incomes. E-bikes have also been proven to help maintain cognitive and mental health among older riders; according to one study, low levels of pedal assistance from

an e-bike can inspire confidence and improve self-esteem in older people who may feel limited by mobility issues.

Over the past year, ODOT has worked closely with businesses, advocates, and public agencies to develop this legislation. HB 3626 reflects a collaborative, expert-driven approach that ensures e-bike and micromobility users can operate safely and confidently across Oregon.

As more micromobility vehicles of a variety of types are produced, we have recognized a need for consistent rules and education for users as well as automobile drivers. Current micromobility laws are inconsistent, creating confusion for riders, businesses, and agencies. HB 3626 provides much-needed clarity by setting clear definitions and standardizing safety regulations. With e-bikes and other micromobility options becoming more common, it is essential to invest in safety education and enforcement. HB 3626 directs ODOT to educate Oregonians about safe micromobility use, ensuring all road users understand their rights and responsibilities.

For these reasons, we urge the legislature to pass HB 3626. This bill will make Oregon's transportation system safer, more accessible, and more sustainable for everyone.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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