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DELIVERED ELECTRONICALLY

Joint Committee on Transportation Oregon State Legislature 900 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 3626 establishing clear and enforceable rules for powered micromobility devices

Dear Co-Chairs McClain and Gorsek, and members of the Committee,

Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation (BEST) is a 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit that is building a successful community by bringing people together to promote transportation options, safe streets, and walkable neighborhoods.

Powered micromobility devices such as e-bikes, e-scooters, and motorized wheelchairs are practical and affordable options for a growing number of Oregonians, especially those who are not able to drive regularly, whether due to age, ability, or income level.

But with greater use, it is increasingly important to establish clear and enforceable "rules of the road" for powered micromobility devices.

BEST supports House Bill 3626 to define what a "powered micromobility device" is, to establish uniform standards for children under the age of 16 to wear helmets, and to undertake a public information campaign.

For BEST,

Rob Zako

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