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Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek, Vice Chairs Boshart-Davis and Starr, and members of the committee,

1000 Friends of Oregon would like to express our strong support for House Bill 3626, which establishes uniform safety standards for e-bikes and other micromobility devices. This bill will bring Oregon up to speed to account for micromobility innovations not previously covered under state law.

1000 Friends advocates for safe, complete, connected communities that enhance quality of life through land conservation and development. E-bikes and other micromobility devices have made it easier for people to get around without a car, especially in communities with hills, longer distances, or other challenging terrain. Oregonians have expressed clear excitement about adopting these devices, so it's necessary for the state to provide clear guidelines for safe usage.

Micromobility devices can reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions. They can open up transportation options for the approximately 30% of Oregonians who can't or don't drive. Many teens, people with disabilities, and older adults benefit from the use of e-bikes during times in their lives when they can't afford a car or cannot drive. This access is especially important in areas that lack robust transit service. E-bikes and micromobility devices often serve as car replacements and save users tens of thousands of dollars on car insurance, gas, and the other expenses associated with car ownership and operation.

The safety standards in this bill clear up confusion, prioritize safety education, and protect access to these lifechanging devices.

We strongly encourage you to support this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cassie Wilson".

Cassie Wilson
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We have worked with Oregonians to enhance our quality of life by building livable urban and rural communities, protecting family farms and forests, and conserving natural areas since 1974.