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Joint Committee on Transportation
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek and Members of the Committee,

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning 50 square miles and serving about 270,000 people in and around Beaverton, Oregon. Established over 65 years ago, THPRD's mission is to provide high-quality park and recreational facilities, programs, services, and natural areas that meet the needs of the diverse communities it serves. We invite people to gather, play, and explore the more than 120 park sites and 70+ miles of hard- and soft-paved trails on the over 3,600 acres of THPRD properties.

On behalf of THPRD, I am writing to express our support for HB 3626, because it closes regulatory gaps within the fast-growing e-micromobility device market, provides local jurisdictions with needed tools to govern and enforce statewide e-micromobility regulation, and promotes important user safety education programs.

THPRD stewards a wide variety of properties and recreation facilities from high-use, urban regional trails to serene natural areas. We appreciate that HB 3626 will allow THPRD to define the time, place, and manner in which powered micromobility devices are used, maximizing public benefit in heavily trafficked areas and minimizing conflicts with natural resources in sensitive habitats.

THPRD also appreciates that over the past year, the state Micromobility Working Group chaired by Rep. Daniel Nguyen, has convened local jurisdictions, public agencies, researchers, advocacy groups, and other stakeholders to develop this legislation. This process ensures that HB 3626 includes policies that reflect real-world needs and solutions for communities across Oregon.

However, THPRD believes that in addition to the improvements provided by HB 3626, this policy area should be further strengthened and clarified by:

- Streamlining existing e-micromobility regulation to promote clarity for users and enforcement agencies;
- Refining the capability of powered micromobility devices to promote safety; and,
- Increasing funding for e-micromobility device safety education programs.

THPRD appreciates your consideration of our feedback and we look forward to the opportunity for continued collaboration to improve the use and regulation of micromobility devices across our district. Please contact Aisha Panas, Deputy General Manager, at a.panas@thprd.org or by phone at 503-816-5804, to discuss the above recommended amendments or with questions.

We appreciate your consideration of our testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbie Minor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbie Minor, President
THPRD Board of Directors