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On Behalf Of: HB4007
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I am a 76 year old non-electric bicycle rider. I need e-bikes to have the same rules that bicycles, motorcycles, cars, and trucks have. I support HB 4007.

HB 4007 establishes uniform safety standards for e-bikes and other micromobility devices. By creating clear and enforceable classifications and rules, this bill helps protect riders, reduce crashes, and improve street safety for everyone. The bill requires all riders under 16 to wear a safety helmet and establishes an age limit of 14 to use a class 1 e-bike or e-scooter that provides power up to a speed of 20 mph. Standardized helmet and device regulations, paired with responsible age limits, ensure that everyone, including young riders, are traveling safely on Oregon's streets and trails.

This bill helps law enforcement and transportation agencies focus on the real safety threats by establishing consistent standards for micromobility devices. By prohibiting the sale of devices that travel over 28mph (or over 20mph with a throttle) as "e-bikes" and making their improper sale punishable by a maximum fine of \$250, HB 4007 ensures that Oregonians can make safer and better-informed buying decisions. This is particularly important for families who need to understand what devices are safe for their children. The bill's requirements for batteries and chargers to be certified by an accredited testing laboratory will also reduce risks of fires and faulty devices.

VOTE YES on HB 4007

thanks, Karen Pollach, Portland, OR resident