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HB4007 will provide clear and consistent rules for e-bikes, scooters and micromobility devices and reduce unsafe and illegal devices and batteries. As a person who encourages kids and families to walk and roll to school, as well as a multimodal road user, I have seen dangerous situations where these devices are operated in unlawful manners. There is too much uncertainty on what is allowed to be used by whom. E-bikes and similar micromobility devices are gaining popularity and prove to be beneficial for many people of all ages for commuting to school or work or simply getting around the region. But without formalized rules, there is no foundation for regulating unsafe actions. I have seen e-moto devices that are not standard, many around school zones and on busy streets in Clackamas County. Many questions are raised and there are not clear answers. Providing regulations will help provide safety and security for people using and observing micromobility devices. Additionally, this bill will help ensure consistency in what students, families, and community members know and can share about the rules around these devices. Without it, safety concerns are a major issue and unsafe incidents inevitable. From employers who incentivize active transportation to school districts attempting to navigate dealing with these devices to drivers sharing roads with e-devices, clear and consistent rules need to be formalized as HB 4007 will do.