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I just want to weigh in on supporting this bill to define and regulate various kinds of micromobility devices and help users in sharing our roadways and trails with each other as well as with analog cyclists, walkers, cars etc. As there are a great variety "micromobility" devices, they must be categorized appropriately based on pedal power, pedal assist or throttle assist capabilities.

As a long time cyclist, I ride an analog bike on the roads and a pedal assist e-bike on gravel rides. As I get older, I'll likely transition to full time pedal assist riding. Everyone in the group I ride with comes from the analog cycling world, but about half have transitioned to e-bikes because of age, illness, recuperation etc. E-bikes have allowed our friends to continue riding together despite these physical changes.

I support that HB 4007 limits throttle bikes to 20 mph – as these can be used quite differently than pedal and pedal assist bikes. This technology is a new world for most folks and setting clear expectations and rules will benefit everyone as different kinds of technologies are on the road and in the bike lanes together.