



TO: Joint Committee on Transportation
FROM: Oregon Recreation & Park Association
DATE: February 15, 2024
RE: HB 4067 SUPPORT -5 amendment

On behalf of over 2,200 park and recreation professionals, agencies, and volunteers represented by the Oregon Recreation and Park Association (ORPA), we urge your support of HB 4067 and the -5 amendment.

Local parks and recreation entities asked for a seat on the task force because bike and pedestrian paths on roads and park trails often interconnect and E-bikes are becoming an increasingly large user segment of our off-street trails.

Additionally, we are engaging in many of the same issues in our community and regional trail networks that are highlighted in the bill:

- Reviewing the existing Oregon laws relating to micromobility and personal mobility devices – we find that trails that cross jurisdictions often have different rules regarding E-bikes that need uniformity and includes a need to examine statutory definitions of electric micromobility devices.
- Examining whether safety and education requirements should be required.
- Examining provided education and certification programs relating to electric micromobility devices.

Finally, because HB 4067 calls out the need to “Examine best practices for the use of electric micromobility devices, including but not limited to use on highways, bicycle paths, bicycle lanes, public lands, public spaces and mixed-use trails” **we are appreciative of our inclusion on the task force via the -5 amendments.**