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Support for HB 4067-8: Electric Micromobility Taskforce

Dear Chair Gorsek, Chair McLain, Vice-Chair Boquist, Vice-Chair Boshart Davis and members of the committee,

The Oregon Trails Coalition advisory council includes representatives from more than 30 public agencies, trail user groups, outdoor industry and tourism partners, and volunteer organizations. We represent walkers, hikers, bikers, runners, paddlers, equestrians, adaptive equipment users, skiers, snowmobilers, and motorized trail enthusiasts.

We are writing today to share our support for the HB 4067-8 with the changes in the -8 amendment that include "One member who represents a local government parks and recreation department" and "One member who represents mixed-use trail users."

We would like to see the language regarding "mixed-use trail users" representation further clarified to include "one member who represents non-motorized trail users including hikers and equestrians" as these are the trails users from whom we've heard the most concerns about e-bikes, scooters and other electric micromobility devices on shared-use trails.

We support the goals of the taskforce and believe this is an important body of work.

Thank you for your leadership,

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