

Chair Gorsek, McLain, Vice-Chairs, and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation:

I want to share my strong support for HB 4067, the Micromobility Task Force, with the -8 amendment.

Today is a historic day, as Oregon is about to embark into a bold new future where people of all-ages, abilities, and socio-economic status will see their mobility enhanced. A future where a teen can safely ride their electric bike to school, to soccer practice, and meet with their friends; where businesses can get their goods into urban areas faster and easier using electric commercial cargo bikes; where transportation emissions make up less than 40% of our state's GHG emissions; and where our cities build fewer parking lots and more affordable housing. We can accomplish all of this, all while becoming a happier, healthier, and more prosperous state. This is a future that is arriving shortly, with the help of the Micromobility Revolution.

With the adoption of the HB 4067 - The Micromobility Task Force - Oregonians will be able to shape policy around scooters, E-Bikes, and other electric mobility devices to realize the greatest benefits, while avoiding costly missteps in this revolution. Similar to market-shaking forces such as the internet and Artificial Intelligence, Micromobility is "disrupting" the transportation industry. Sales of Electric Bikes have consistently outpaced sales in Electric Vehicles in United States<sup>1</sup>.

This Micromobility Task Force will be made up of a broad group of Oregonians, from cities, counties, local parks, law enforcement, and universities. The focus will be on how to ensure our laws, regulations, and infrastructure will allow the greatest amount of access to these devices, while enabling their safe operation.

One area that I am particularly excited about is the expansion for Commercial Cargo Bikes in urban areas. Portland and Eugene are leading the way with [B-Line PDX](#) and [Pedalers Express](#), respectively, offering Zero-Emissions Delivery (ZED) using electric trikes to deliver to a range of businesses, including grocery stores. We are excited to have the Task Force look at ways to expand the opportunity for carbon-free deliveries across our state.

Oregon is the pioneer state. I urge a do-pass vote for the Micromobility Task Force, with the -8 amendment, so we can pioneer this bright new future together.

Sincerely,  
Richard Sheperd

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<sup>1</sup>Bloomberg,  
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-01-21/u-s-e-bike-sales-outpaced-electric-cars-in-2021>