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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
House District 53



## **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Co-Vice Chairs Star and Boshart- Davis, Members of the Committee,

My name is Emerson Levy, and I am the State Representative for House District 53, representing much of beautiful central Oregon. I am here today to speak in support of House Bill 3626, the product of the work done by the Interim Electric Micromobility Workgroup, of which I was proud to be a member.

This bill does a few crucial things: it creates a broad definition of “Powered Micromobility devices”, it combines the laws for kids under 16, making it clear that they must wear helmets when riding bikes, e-bikes, e-scooters and some other vehicles, while stating clearly that kids who are 12 and older can use e-scooters and certain e-bikes. And importantly, the bill provides \$250,000 dollars from the General Fund to conduct a public education campaign through ODOT.

The bill's clarification of what constitutes a "powered micromobility device" provides much-needed consistency in the law. Clear definitions and rules will help ensure that safety is prioritized and that local law enforcement, parents, and riders alike are all on the same page. Public education is a key part of this. Our local residents and our visitors need to understand the rules, an informative campaign will ensure that Oregonians can make informed decisions while using these devices.

Central Oregon is known for its outdoor activities- and we want our communities getting outside and using alternate modes of transportation. As the use of micromobility devices is on the rise, we need to be prioritizing safety, and this bill addresses a critical concern—ensuring that children under 16 are wearing helmets when using these devices. To be fully transparent, as a mother I worry about the risks associated with kids using Class 2 e-bikes. I believe it is important that parents and guardians understand these devices and the ways their children use them. This conversation is critically important in our community, where Class 1 and Class 2 electric-assisted bicycles are becoming increasingly common for both transportation and recreation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Levy". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

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