



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PROTECTION
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Impact of electric bikes and electric scooters, and the safety and consumer risks associated with lithium-ion batteries

PURPOSE: To review the impact of e-bikes and e-scooters since their authorization, and examine the safety and fire risks associated with lithium-ion batteries used in these modes of transportation

CANCELLED

Wednesday

May 24, 2023

2:00 PM

Hearing Room C

Legislative Office Building

Albany, NY 12210

In 2020, New York State authorized the use of electric bicycles (“e-bikes”) and electric scooters (“e-scooters”). Due to their compact size and low cost, e-bikes and e-scooters have become a popular mode of transportation. Now that three years have passed since the enactment of this law and given the increased market for e-bikes and e-scooters, the Assembly Standing Committees on Consumer Affairs and Protection and Transportation seek to examine the effects these devices have had on mobility, traffic congestion, and public safety. The Committees also are interested in obtaining information on other factors and issues impacting e-bike and e-scooter operation, such as cost, storage, charging, and roadway infrastructure.

The Assembly Standing Committees on Consumer Affairs and Protection and Transportation are particularly interested in seeking testimony regarding the fire hazard associated with lithium-ion batteries that power these e-micromobility devices.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to five (5) minutes. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to the staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons wishing to present testimony at the public hearing on the impact of electric bikes and electric scooters, and the safety and consumer risks associated with lithium-ion batteries are requested to complete this reply form **no later than May 23, 2023** and email it to:

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I plan to attend the following public hearing on the impact of electric bikes and electric scooters, and the safety and consumer risks associated with lithium-ion batteries to be conducted by the Assembly Standing Committees on Consumer Affairs and Protection and Transportation on May 24, 2023.

I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to **five minutes**, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.

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