

I am writing to ask you to amend the policy language on HB 2017-3 regarding a bicycle sales tax.

Safe facilities for bicycling and walking are critical in Oregon communities. Such investments belong in a balanced transportation funding package. The 3% bicycle tax currently proposed is not the path to funding these improvements. Everyone in our communities benefits from these investments in safe and healthy communities, so the tax burden should be shared more broadly. As currently written, this bill will have a negative impact on small Oregon businesses and on Oregonians choosing to travel in way that improves health and eases congestion.

Please remove the bicycle sales tax from HB 2017, and maintain new funding for bicycle and pedestrian facilities through a more broad based, low tax.

THANK YOU,

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