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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB2571

Dear House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment:

I write in strong support of HB 2571. Providing rebates for e-bikes and e-cargo bikes has the potential to make significant progress toward several important statewide goals: reducing greenhouse gas emissions, reducing private motor vehicle miles traveled, and improving the safety of our transportation system. Moreover, electric-assist bicycles of all forms have proven to be a transformative mode of transportation for many individuals and families. They have the potential to reduce our reliance on automobiles, and for many, they can replace daily trips that would be otherwise taken by car. This is a significant economic boost for individuals and families as well. The cost of car ownership and use is a tremendous burden, and eliminating many of those car trips -- and, for some, replacing car ownership altogether -- can free up much needed financial resources to use in other areas.

Altogether, e-bikes and e-cargo bikes are worthy of significant public investment. A statewide rebate program to make these transformative vehicles more affordable and accessible would be an enormous win for Oregonians across the state. Please vote in favor of HB 2571.

Thank you.
Josh Linden