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I strongly support the ebike rebate program proposed in HB 2571. I have seen how transformational e-bikes can be. I am a regular bike commuter and enjoy riding my bike for transportation and leisure, but buying an ebike greatly expanded my range and ability to ride a bike for longer trips. I now use my ebike for longer trips throughout Portland year-round, on the hottest and coldest days. Ebikes can be prohibitively expensive, though. I qualified for a year of interest-free financing, so I was able to purchase mine on credit. I'd much rather see more Oregonians able to afford ebikes, and this rebate program will do just that, resulting in more people biking rather than driving. That's exactly what our state needs.