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I am writing to communicate my strong support for HB 2571, providing rebates with purchase of e-bikes. Shifting transportation mode share away from automobiles is critical to meeting our climate and public safety goals. Research has shown e-bike rebates to be one of the most cost-effective ways of pursuing these goals and is critical for providing access to e-bikes for people of all economic backgrounds. Having ridden e-bikes via BikeTown in Portland and other bike share systems across the US and Europe, I understand that they are a game changer for making biking accessible for people of all ages and physical abilities and for reducing car trips even for strong cyclists, by enabling longer distance trips and carrying cargo. In summary, this e-bike rebate is a modest but critical investment in climate change, road safety, health, transportation equity, and even our state and municipal finances, by reducing our dependence on expensive car infrastructure.