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I'm a resident of SE Portland, near Powell and 82nd. I walk, bike, take the bus, and drive to get around. I support this bill and you should too.

My understanding is subsidizing e-bikes is one of the most cost effective ways to shift transportation trips to a cleaner mode and reduce transportation related emissions.

What an incredible opportunity. Let's use it.

The benefits are particularly strong for neighborhoods like mine and those further flung from centers of activity. An e-bike makes traversing a 3-5 mile one way trip a breeze. I'd sometimes rule such trips out when biking under my own power and just drive instead. But, once my partner and I bought an ebike during a fire-sale this fall, it stepped in to replace that distance of car trips: my partner's trips downtown and some of my car trips to the grocery. I think there's the fear that people still won't adopt biking or see it as a viable option, but I'm not so sure. People are pretty familiar with ebikes these days and the products are top notch. My sense is, once someone tries one, they're hooked because they're flat out fun to ride.

Let's reduce emissions and be smart with our money. Invest in ebikes!

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