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Our family purchased a used cargo e-bike three years ago off of Craigslist and the purchase has payed dividends. We have two young children and having the ability to bike them places that would have required a car has infinite benefits, including decreased CO2 emissions, one less car causing congestion, increased physical activity, improved mood, more connection with our community, etc. We're a 1-car family because the bike serves as another method of transporting ourselves longer distances. The e-bike motor is extra insurance as the weight of our children and the load we carry increases or if we're feeling tired but a child is feeling cranky or needs a nap, we can zip home with the pedal-assist. We would have loved to have purchased a new e-bike to benefit from warranties and support from a local bike shop, but the cost was prohibitive. Providing a rebate for interested buyers would reduce this financial burden and will result in more people choosing to bike instead of drive, which benefits all Oregonians. If we can do it for electric cars, we should do it for e-bikes!