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This bill presents a good opportunity to get more commuters on bikes, specifically e-bikes, which can be valuable for getting more cars off the road while reducing emissions and providing more exercise for their owners. This is a win-win in my book. My problem with the bill as written is that it does not discriminate between types of e-bikes. While there are many e-bikes designed for commuting and carrying cargo, many e-bikes are mountain bikes, designed and marketed for off-road use.

I have no problem with my tax dollars going to support bike purchases for commuting because that is valuable for the entire community - we all benefit.

I do have a problem with my tax dollars going to purchase a mountain bike that somebody uses for their weekend hobby. That only benefits the individual and is not a valid use of taxes.

Be responsible with our taxes. Please re-word this bill so it does not include bicycles intended for off-road use.