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This bill is amazing first-step to support electrification of Oregon's largest source of air pollution: transportation! With e-bikes, millions of trips are now accessible for a variety of Oregonians. The most common barrier I hear from my family and friends interested in getting an e-bike is the high cost of these vehicles. As we search to help lower costs for electric cars, it only makes sense to include a similar rebate for e-bikes, especially as e-bikes REPLACE CAR TRIPS, not just trips being made by bikes. This includes trips made outside of metro areas, where trips are often longer.

Ask any Oregonian who has purchased an e-bike: it has CHANGED THEIR LIFE and HOW THEY GET AROUND. E-bikes provide the freedom that so many folks hope they can have for their communities, and it starts with legislators making policy that elevates their important role as a much lower-cost alternative to purchasing an electric car.

Lastly, we should be committing to make sure Oregonians have access to our ever growing network of bike infrastructure, not just the ones who can afford the high cost of an e-bike that gets them there. Especially Oregonians that have been historically disenfranchised from using bikes to empower themselves.