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My wife and I bought an e-cargo bike shortly after our daughter—now a three-year-old—was born. We've since put thousands of miles on it. We have one car and one cargo bike, and the bike gets more daily use: we use it to take our daughter to daycare, to take her with us grocery shopping, and to ride to her favorite parks. My daughter enjoys it, and I like being able to see my kid in front of me instead of having her back in a car seat. It's been great for our family, and made it easy for us to become parents without having to drive for all of our errands.

Our e-bike cost much less than a new car, but it's still a large expense, and bikes generally don't have the financing options available for cars. I'd like more families to have the experience and opportunity that we've had.

Oregon currently subsidizes electric cars with rebates while taxing the sale of bikes. From the point of view of both climate and congestion goals that seems backwards: e-bikes use far less energy than electric cars, require fewer resources to produce, and a rebate could make them accessible and appealing to many more Oregon households. HB 2571 is a great idea, and I hope you support it.

Thank you,  
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