



February 13, 2024

To the Joint Committee on Transportation,

Commute Options supports HB 4103. This legislative changes support our work to increase bike riding and reduce crashes.

Representative Emerson Levy has worked with our community to listen and identify needed legislative changes that support e-bike safety. Through her outreach efforts, our local working group identified the need to implement critical changes to existing Oregon laws:

- Adopt the three e-bike class system (Class 1, 2, and 3),
- Allow students younger than 16 to legally ride Class 1 e-bikes, and
- Limit throttle assisted e-bikes to people aged 16 and older.

HB 4103 increases student access to e-bikes for their travel needs. We believe these bills will support our community's efforts to encourage bike riding by adding enforcement to our engineering, education, and encouragement programs. The bills will also help us meet the state climate friendly mandates.

Bend is modernizing bike infrastructure to increase separation from traffic and create a seamless network of comfortable bikeways. Commute Options partners with the City of Bend to deliver Safe Route to School education and encouragement to students in Bend.

Please support these small but significant changes to help increase travel options, especially for our kids and pass this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Potwin", is written over a light blue circular background.

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