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Senator Chris Gorsek, Co-Chair  
Representative Susan McLain, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Transportation  
900 Court Street, NE  
Salem, OR 97301

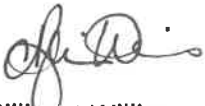
Dear Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify about HB 4103, which would create new provisions for the regulation of electric assisted bicycles, or e-bikes. The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) appreciates that the legislature is engaging on the important issue of developing policy to better define rights and responsibilities of e-bikes in the transportation system.

The City of Portland recognizes the importance of e-bikes as a strategy to meet the City's and the state's carbon reduction, air quality, and equity goals and agrees that there is a need to update regulations as more e-bikes enter the transportation system. Portland is already working towards these commitments. For example, Portlanders are attracted to the City's bike share system, BIKETOWN, which operates a fully electric bicycle fleet of 2,000 with a service area of over 41 square miles. BIKETOWN users took 565,000 trips in 2022 and ridership increased by 65% from 2021 to 2022. Figuring out how to make e-bikes work in our transportation system is important to our work ensuring that people and goods can get around the city safely, efficiently, sustainably, and comfortably.

We are glad to see the legislature engaging with the management of e-bikes in the transportation system. We look forward to engaging in further policy development in 2025.

Sincerely,



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Portland Bureau of Transportation



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