



February 15, 2024

Representative McLain and Senator Gorsek, Co-Chairs  
Joint Committee on Transportation  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: Support for HB 4103**

Co-Chairs McLain and Gorsek, Vice-Chairs Boshart Davis and Boquist, and members of the committee, my name is Lorne Bulling, and I am the Political Coordinator for the Ironworkers Local 29. Local 29 represents more than 1,700 journey-level workers and apprentices across Oregon and Southwestern Washington. Our members build the bridges, roads, commercial spaces, and clean energy infrastructure that society relies on, while our registered apprenticeship program trains the diverse workforce of the future we need.

Local 29 is in strong support of HB 4103. Our members often work on busy roadways, and getting these skilled workers home to their families is our number one priority. HB 4103 is the first step in a long process of modernizing our laws to address new technology and create more multimodal friendly transportation infrastructure for the future. This legislation helps to increase use of different means of transportation with a focus on safety by allowing folks younger than 16 to ride Class 1 E-bikes, while limiting throttle assisted E-bikes to those age 16 or older.

The origin of HB 4103, or Trenton's Law, is the tragic loss of life—it is our strong hope that this law helps to prevent other families and communities from the preventable loss of life. Please support these small, but significant updates to how Oregon regulates E-bikes to help increase safe transportation choices for kids.

The Ironworkers Local 29 strongly encourages your support of HB 4103.

Lorne Bulling  
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