

**HB 2963 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Joint Committee On Transportation**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Environmental Quality Commission to establish, by rule, a program for providing rebate vouchers to qualifying individuals who purchase electric assisted bicycles. Establishes the Electric Bicycle Incentive Fund. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Fiscal impact: (info)

Revenue impact: (info)

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon established a rebate program for electric vehicles with the passage of House Bill 2017 (2017). That measure established a privilege tax on the sale of new passenger vehicles in Oregon, and dedicated the first \$12 million per year from revenues derived from the privilege tax to provide funding for the rebates. Light duty zero-emission or hybrid vehicles were made eligible for rebates of up to \$2,500 from each of two separate rebate programs (one for all applicants, one for income-based). The measure also provides rebates for electric motorcycles, ranging from \$375 to \$750.