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I am a physician, a grandmother, and a public health professional and, as such, I support this bill. As a physician, I know that activity level in adolescents is critical for preventing chronic disease, and any activity that is more active than sedentary will support their overall health. As a grandmother, I want to see my grandchildren, in both Bend and Portland, have access to modes of transportation that do not involve them being a sedentary, unengaged passenger in a car; I want to see them be active participants in their own transportation. As a public health professional, I recognize the public health effects of climate change and I would like the legislature to encourage solutions that reduce the use of fossil fuels. In addition, electric cars are too expensive for many families, but an electric bicycle may be in range. For all of these reasons, I ask you to support this bill.

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