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I am a Portland resident strongly in support of encouraging e-bike use with subsidies. In order to secure a safe future amid climate uncertainty, we must provide more attractive transportation options as alternatives to cars. I enjoy cycling around Portland, but like many cyclists I still use my car for long or steep routes. It would be better for my budget and my values to transition to an e-bike rather than a car for most trips (or nearly all trips!). Cost is a factor in this decision, and would be a much bigger factor for others already struggling to keep up with car payments and insurance. Lowering this barrier for people will be beneficial to all Oregonians, and more bikes versus cars on Portland roads will make them a safer place for cyclists and pedestrians.