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Our e-bike has vastly changed the way we get around and use Oregon's roads. As a father: our e-bike has helped me take my son to child care, to parks, to stores. The only downside to our e-bike was the amount of time it took our family to save to buy one. It is now our 'car' and we use it as one as we don't own any other vehicle. Having access to an ebike and the opportunity to own one should not be a privilege reserved for the few. I believe this bill will help increase that access and increase that opportunity for Oregonians to use e-bikes to get around. My neighbors deserve the same choice we now have to get around our city, our region, and our state with an ebike. Lastly: its imperative we get Oregonians riding e-bikes to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, to lower our CO2 footprints to our targets, and reduce the costs of maintaining a roadway system where so many Oregonians drive.

Thanks.