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Hello,

I am submitting testimony in support of rebates for e-bike purchases by Oregon citizens. Our state already offers electric rebates for clean vehicles, but they do not extend to bicycles which are electric vehicles and have societal benefits much greater than electric automobiles. Electric bicycles support fewer pedestrian deaths, lower costs, less congestion, less space (e.g., road/path width, parking lots) necessary to accommodate travel and support dense infrastructure, less pavement damage from vehicle weight, lower electricity needs, health benefits, and more. In order to encourage transition to electric bicycles (instead of automobiles of any type), we should enact a rebate policy. Electric bicycles have a high initial cost that leads to long-term household savings (foregone car insurance, car maintenance, gasoline, etc.), but we need to lower the barrier imposed by the upfront costs so all can take advantage and our local communities can in turn benefit.

Thank you.