



March 18, 2025

Dear Chairs McLain and Gorsek and members of the Joint Transportation Committee:

The Douglas County Global Warming Coalition, a grassroots all-volunteer organization representing 450 residents in our rural community strongly supports the passage of House Bill 2963. This legislation will provide significant subsidies for the purchase of electric bikes, targeting low income households.

Oregonians will benefit from this bill in several ways: The use of electric bikes as an alternative to gas powered cars will help the State do its share to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. At a time when the State is witnessing the impacts of climate change such as unprecedented heat waves, drought and wildfires, electric bikes can be a part of the solution.

In addition, by targeting low income households, it will provide a means of transportation to a population that too often finds it difficult to afford and maintain a car.

And by substituting an electric bike for a car, it can lessen the amount of congestion on our roads, enhancing our quality of life as well as reducing pollution.

House Bill 2963 represents a step forward in protecting future generations from the impacts of climate change, helping low income households meet their transportation needs and secure a better quality of life for all Oregonians.

We strongly urge the passage of House Bill 2963.

Sincerely,

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