

Submitter: Shawne Martinez
On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4007

Hello Committee Members,

My name is Shawne Martinez. I am a car-free bike Dad with over 35,000 miles traveled on electric cargo bikes. My kiddo and I ride bikes and public transit all around the Portland Metro area including my 26 mile daily bicycle commute from Tigard to NE Portland. Volunteering on the Tigard Transportation Advisory Committee, I often hear complaints about e-bike rider behavior. After a bit of investigation, it usually turns out that the person who was riding too fast was actually piloting a electric motorcycle, not an electric bicycle. Electric motorcycles do not belong on our multi-use paths, sidewalks or bike lanes. These E-motos are damaging the reputation of E-bikes, causing negative public opinions of a mode of transportation that can help society to lower vehicle miles traveled. I support legislation that will differentiate these e-micromobility devices. My class 1 electric bakfiets cargo bike has replaced tens of thousands of miles of polluting car trips, saving me thousands of dollars in fuel costs, making me happier and healthier. My kiddo loves the view and the freedom that the bicycle delivers. I'm hoping that she will be able to experience riding her own E-bike when she gets into her teens.

I do not support the milk truck item of the bill. A truck weighing 129,000 pounds is a very heavy load. A truck this heavy with a liquid load would be dangerous for other road users, especially those outside of a car. A truck this heavy would damage our already crumbling infrastructure. Will the trucking company pay to repair the roads that they damage? Without more context, the milk truck item appears to be a bad idea.

Thanks for your time!
-Shawne Martinez