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Safety of all is first and foremost. E- bikes can be dangerous vehicles and we regularly see young teens making dangerous decisions on e-bikes around our community. Lowering the legal age of operation is a poor idea. Education is all well and good however any parent will tell you that young teens are often poor decision makers.

There have been several deaths due to e-bikes in Oregon. Nationwide there has been a 50 fold increase in head injuries due to e-bikes. Injuries in e-bike accidents tend to be more severe than with traditional bicycles. Several medical organizations, most notably the American Academy of Pediatrics, strongly advise against e-bike use in children under 16.

Again, please think safety before passing this bill.