

To: House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment

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I strongly support this bill. It will cost-effectively expand access to low-carbon transportation option that simultaneously improves Oregonians' quality of life. E-bikes are an effective way to replace single-occupancy car trips and cost a fraction of the cost of electric cars. E-bike subsidies are much more cost effective than electric vehicle subsidies because the demand for e-bikes is more elastic than the demand for electric cars¹. Additionally, because e-bikes are much cheaper than electric vehicles, a relatively small amount of subsidy money has an outsized impact in terms of expanding access to e-bikes and reducing transportation emissions. This subsidy will also stimulate the state's economy by supporting e-bike manufacturers, vendors, and service companies.

I recently purchased an e-bike, and it has greatly improved my quality of life by allowing me to replace many of my single-occupancy car trips with an active, enjoyable mode of transportation. This bill will fill an urgent need to help Oregonians to reap the same benefits and reduce pollution. Please support this bill.

¹ <https://ggwash.org/view/88025/analysis-e-bike-subsidies-are-more-cost-effective-than-ev-subsidies>