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I support this bill because I believe the rebate will help encourage more people to switch over from commuting via car to e-bike, especially in major cities like Portland with decent bike infrastructure. E-bikes are accessible and easy to use but, due to their high demand, expensive. Adding this rebate will encourage more people to invest in a e-bike. Once more people feel like they can invest in one due to the rebate, they can experience first hands the mental and physical health benefits of biking. If the rebate helps encourage more people to switch over to using an e-bike or at least using an e-bike for short trips, this could be a nice way to help contribute to Oregon's goal of reducing fossil fuel usage. It also may make it easier in the long run to justify the building of better, more accessible bike infrastructure.