

Testimony of Anneliese Koehler, Legislative Affairs Manager
In Support of House Bill 2571
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Metro is the elected regional government that serves nearly 1.7 million people in the 24 cities and three counties of the Portland metropolitan area. We provide a broad range of public services that includes land use and transportation planning, solid waste and recycling operations, housing and homeless services, management of parks and natural areas, and operation of major visitor facilities like the Oregon Convention Center and the Oregon Zoo.

Recognizing the significant impact the transportation sector has on overall greenhouse gas emissions, Metro supports actions that lessen the carbon footprint of transportation. HB 2571 is one such strategy and helps meet this goal by providing financial assistance to purchase an electric bike. Buying down the cost of an electric bike encourages bike use and facilitates mode shift from cars to bikes. Incentivizing active transportation like bikes reduces the number of vehicle miles traveled and provides many livability benefits: cleaner air and water, healthier populations, and safety improvements.

Metro looks to advance opportunities that move our region and state in the direction of achieving its required greenhouse gas reductions, particularly in the transportation sector. Investments in bike incentives can reduce carbon and Metro urges your support for HB 2571.