

House Bill 2963

Sponsored by Representative GAMBA; Representatives ANDERSEN, CHOTZEN, MCDONALD, NELSON, PHAM H, WALTERS, Senators GORSEK, PHAM K (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: This Act directs the EQC to create an electric bicycle rebate program. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).

Directs the Environmental Quality Commission to establish by rule a program for providing rebate vouchers to qualifying individuals who purchase electric assisted bicycles.

Establishes the Electric Bicycle Incentive Fund.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to electric bicycles; and prescribing an effective date.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2025 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**
5 **chapter 468.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

7 (a) **“Medical assistance” has the meaning given that term in ORS 414.025.**

8 (b) **“Qualifying electric bicycle” means an electric assisted bicycle, as defined in ORS**
9 **801.258, that meets criteria established by the Environmental Quality Commission by rule.**

10 (c) **“Qualifying equipment” means a bicycle helmet or a bicycle lock purchased in the**
11 **same transaction as a qualifying electric bicycle.**

12 (d) **“Qualifying individual” means an Oregon resident who:**

13 (A) **Is 16 years of age or older; and**

14 (B) **Is currently enrolled in the state program that provides medical assistance or who**
15 **has been enrolled in the program within the previous 12 months.**

16 (2) **The Environmental Quality Commission shall establish by rule a program for provid-**
17 **ing rebate vouchers to qualifying individuals for the purchase of qualifying electric bicycles**
18 **and qualifying equipment. Rules adopted by the commission must include policies and pro-**
19 **cedures for reimbursement of retailers that accept a rebate voucher as payment for a qual-**
20 **ifying electric bicycle and qualifying equipment. The Department of Environmental Quality**
21 **may hire or contract with a third-party organization to implement and serve as the admin-**
22 **istrator of the program required by this section.**

23 (3) **Rebate vouchers under the program shall be:**

24 (a) **In the amount of \$1,200 or the purchase price of the qualifying electric bicycle and**
25 **any qualifying equipment purchased in the same transaction, whichever is less.**

26 (b) **Made only for qualifying electric bicycles and qualifying equipment purchased from a**
27 **retailer located in Oregon.**

28 (c) **Made from moneys credited to or deposited in the Electric Bicycle Incentive Fund**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 established under section 3 of this 2025 Act.

2 (4) A qualifying individual may not receive more than one rebate voucher under the
3 program.

4 (5) The department shall coordinate with the Department of Human Services and the
5 Oregon Health Authority to ensure that a qualifying individual may apply for a rebate
6 voucher using the Oregon Eligibility (ONE) system.

7 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Electric Bicycle Incentive Fund is established in the State Treasury,
8 separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Electric Bicycle Incen-
9 tive Fund shall be credited to the fund.

10 (2) Moneys in the fund shall consist of:

11 (a) Amounts donated to the fund;

12 (b) Amounts appropriated or otherwise transferred to the fund by the Legislative As-
13 sembly;

14 (c) Other amounts deposited in the fund from any public or private source; and

15 (d) Interest earned by the fund.

16 (3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Environ-
17 mental Quality to be used to carry out the provisions of section 2 of this 2025 Act.

18 (4) No more than 10 percent of the moneys deposited in the fund per biennium may be
19 expended to pay administrative expenses incurred in the administration of section 2 of this
20 2025 Act by:

21 (a) The department; and

22 (b) Any third-party organization that the department hires or contracts with under sec-
23 tion 2 of this 2025 Act.

24 **SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
25 ated to the Department of Environmental Quality, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025,
26 out of the General Fund, the amount of \$6,000,000, for deposit in the Electric Bicycle Incen-
27 tive Fund established under section 3 of this 2025 Act.

28 **SECTION 5.** This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025
29 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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