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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2963
To Whom it May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on HB 2963. I am writing to express my support for the following reasons:

This bill has the potential to foster the adoption of e-bikes and take cars off the road, reduce traffic and particulate matter from car exhaust. Further, e-bikes help their users to reduce short car trips and reduce demand on parking spaces while improving traffic flow for ALL road users.

As one who had to commute by bus for many years, e-bikes pair well for those who lack access to reliable or frequent transit and who must rely on fixed public transit routes. For rural areas that lack frequent public transit service, they offer greater freedom to get to work or run daily errands. In short, those benefits are available across Oregon, from rural to suburban and urban areas.

Further, compared to cars, e-bikes provide a low-cost, reliable transportation option, reducing household expenses on gas, car insurance, and maintenance. A subsidy would make e-bikes accessible to more people, particularly low-income residents who need affordable mobility options to get to work, school, and essential services.

In short, a subsidy would help more Oregonians across the state to choose e-bikes, making commutes faster for all road users.

I urge the committee to support the passage of HB 2963.
Thank you for your time and consideration.