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Go By Bike operates the largest bike parking location in North America. We valet bicycles for people riding down to the aerial tram in Portland. In the past 15 years, we have parked about 1 million bicycles and average about 300 a day. Four years ago, we started a loaner bike program for people to test out riding an e-bike. People could borrow an electric bike for a month to see if it works for them before purchasing one. The program is very popular, and last year we loaned out bikes to over 200 people. The biggest hurdle has been finding insurance. Our carrier asked us to separate into two separate LLCs to find ebike rental coverage, but then they couldn't even find a policy. After weeks of searching, we found a new carrier that would cover us for 10 times the price we had been paying. And last year they quadrupled their price! We have never had an accident, and no one has ever been injured on one of our ebikes. I urge you to pass this law to change the liability requirements in Oregon. If we get another huge rate increase, we may have to stop this program. Oregonians deserve access to recreational equipment.

thank you,

Kiel Johnson
Owner and Founder Go By Bike