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SUMMARY

Directs Department of Environmental Quality to establish program for providing rebates to qualifying individuals who purchase electric assisted bicycles or cargo electric bicycles and qualifying equipment.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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Relating to electric bicycles.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Cargo electric bicycle” means an electric assisted bicycle that satisfies three out of four of the following requirements:

(A) The bicycle has a published total weight capacity rating of 400 pounds or greater.

(B) The bicycle has an extended frame designed to carry additional containers, bags or passengers or has a cargo rack included as a standard component.

(C) The bicycle has one or more attachment points to support the installation of additional racks, baskets or seats.

(D) The bicycle is advertised as a “cargo” or “utility” bicycle.

(b) “Electric assisted bicycle” has the meaning given that term in ORS 801.258.

(c) “Qualifying equipment” means a:

(A) Bicycle helmet;

(B) Safety vest;

(C) Bicycle light; or

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 **(D) Bicycle lock.**

2 **(d) “Qualifying individual” means an individual 16 years of age or**
3 **older who is a resident of this state.**

4 **(e) “Qualifying retailer” means a retail business establishment with**
5 **one or more retail locations in this state that has registered with the**
6 **Department of Environmental Quality to participate in the rebate**
7 **program established under this section.**

8 **(f) “Total weight capacity” means the combined weight of a bicycle,**
9 **rider and cargo.**

10 **(2) The Department of Environmental Quality shall establish a**
11 **program for providing rebates to qualifying individuals who purchase**
12 **electric assisted bicycles or cargo electric bicycles and any qualifying**
13 **equipment.**

14 **(3) To qualify for the rebate under this section, a qualifying indi-**
15 **vidual must purchase an electric assisted bicycle or cargo electric bi-**
16 **cycle and qualifying equipment, if any, from a qualifying retailer in**
17 **this state. The electric assisted bicycle or cargo electric bicycle must**
18 **have a minimum retail sales price of \$950. Qualifying equipment must**
19 **be purchased as part of the same transaction as the electric assisted**
20 **bicycle or cargo electric bicycle.**

21 **(4) The rebate provided to qualifying individuals shall be:**

22 **(a) For electric assisted bicycles other than cargo electric bicycles,**
23 **the lesser of:**

24 **(A) The total purchase price of the electric assisted bicycle and any**
25 **qualifying equipment minus \$200; or**

26 **(B) \$1,200.**

27 **(b) For cargo electric bicycles, the lesser of:**

28 **(A) The total purchase price of the cargo electric bicycle and any**
29 **qualifying equipment minus \$200; or**

30 **(B) \$1,700.**

31 **(5) A qualifying retailer must register with the department before**

1 **participating in the rebate program. A qualifying retailer shall:**

2 **(a) Verify the eligibility of the qualifying individual; and**

3 **(b) Calculate and apply the rebate at the time of purchase.**

4 **(6) The department shall reimburse a qualifying retailer that pro-**
5 **vides a rebate to a qualifying individual no later than 30 days after the**
6 **rebate is provided.**

7 **(7) A rebate recipient shall provide demographic information, in-**
8 **cluding the individual's age, gender, race, ethnicity and zip code, to**
9 **the department on a form provided by the department at the time of**
10 **receiving the rebate.**

11 **(8) A rebate recipient must maintain ownership of the electric as-**
12 **sisted bicycle or electric cargo bicycle for at least one year after re-**
13 **ceiving the rebate.**

14 **(9) The Environmental Quality Commission may adopt any rules**
15 **necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.**

16 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**
17 **ation, there is appropriated to the Department of Environmental**
18 **Quality, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General**
19 **Fund, the amount of \$6,000,000, which may be expended for carrying**
20 **out the provisions of section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

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