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Dear Chair Koznick, Vice Chair Myers, DFL Lead Koegel, and members of the House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee,

Drive Electric Minnesota appreciates the opportunity to submit written testimony on House File 2066. Drive Electric Minnesota opposes repealing the Minnesota Electric-Assisted Bicycle (e-Bike) Rebate program.

Drive Electric Minnesota is a partnership of EV champions—including automakers and auto dealers, electric utilities and cooperatives, local and state government, corporations, and nongovernmental organizations—who are working to accelerate EV adoption in Minnesota. Drive Electric Minnesota believes EVs of all types are an important component of energy efficiency and cleaner transportation in Minnesota that is both financially and environmentally sustainable.

Minnesota's e-Bike rebate program is designed to reduce barriers for Minnesotans to purchase electric bicycles, particularly lower-income residents who are eligible for larger rebates. E-bikes are a popular, affordable, and low-carbon alternative to gasoline vehicles. In fact, a [recent Colorado study](#) showed that e-bike trips most frequently replaced gas car trips compared to other modes of transportation.

Minnesota's e-bike program is an important tool to increase options for Minnesota residents to get around in a sustainable way. Drive Electric Minnesota urges this committee to maintain the program and its funding.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

Sincerely,

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