



Representative Matt Claman, Chair
House Judiciary Committee

April 27, 2021

Re: Support for House Bill 87 ELECTRIC-ASSISTED BICYCLES

Hello Representative Claman, Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

The Juneau Mountain Bike Alliance Offers our full support for House Bill 87
ELECTRIC-ASSISTED BICYCLES.

The mission of the Juneau Mountain Bike Alliance (JMBA) is to make mountain biking better in Juneau. We promote mountain bike trail development, construction and maintenance, put on race and group ride events, teach rider courses, and bring Juneau's mountain bikers together to grow and support the sport in Juneau.

HB 87 adds a definition to statute for an electric-assisted bicycle ("ebike"). It adds ebikes to the list of modes of transportation that do not have to be registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles. It also separates ebikes from an electric personal motor vehicle. Finally, it separates ebikes from a motor-driven cycle which includes motorcycle, motor scooter and motorized bicycle.

We also ask that the bill sponsor or committee consider adding language defining the three types of ebike categories, specifically:

- "class 1 electric-assisted bicycle" means an electric-assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- "class 2 electric-assisted bicycle" means an electric-assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

- “class 3 electric bicycle” means an electric-assisted bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.

This classification will help our group work with federal, state, and local land managers to decide which types of ebikes should be allowed on trails on public lands.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Reid Harris", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Reid Harris, President
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