



Representative Laddie Shaw, Chair  
House State Affairs Committee  
33rd Alaska State Legislature

January 29, 2023

Re: Support for House Bill 8 ELECTRIC-ASSISTED BICYCLES

Hello Representative Shaw, Honorable Members of the House State Affairs Committee,

The Juneau Mountain Bike Alliance Offers our full support for House Bill 8  
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 8 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.

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". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Reid Harris, President  
Juneau Mountain Bike Alliance