



## **S.F. No. 219 – Modifications to electric-assisted bicycle rebate program; requiring a report (as proposed to be amended by A-5 amendment)**

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**Section 1. Definitions.** Amends the definition of “eligible individual” under the electric-assisted bicycle rebate program to require the filing of an income tax return ending in the calendar year prior to the year in which the individual applied for a rebate. Effective for rebates after December 31, 2024.

**Section 2. Amount of rebate.** Modifies the amount awarded in the electric-assisted bicycle rebate to the lesser of 75 percent of eligible expenses paid by an eligible individual or \$750. Limits eligibility of the rebate to married individuals who file a joint return of \$78,000 or less, or \$41,000 for all other individuals. Effective for rebates after December 31, 2024.

**Section 3. Commissioner to issue rebate certificates.** Requires the commissioner of revenue to allocate electric-assisted bicycle rebate certificates on a lottery basis beginning July 1, 2025, instead of first-come, first-served basis. Requires the commissioner to adopt suitable methods to allocate the rebate certificates, including prioritization of persons with disabilities for receiving a certificate where practicable. The commissioner must establish a suitable randomized method for allocation and provide the method for an individual to apply for placement into the lottery. Effective the day following final enactment and applies to rebates issued on or after that date.

**Section 3. Report; electric-assisted bicycle rebate program.** Requires the commissioner of revenue to submit a comprehensive report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over taxes and transportation by July 15, 2026, which must include, at minimum:

- a comprehensive report on the operation of the electric-assisted bicycle rebate program enacted in 2023, including the application system;
- a comprehensive analysis of technical challenges resulting from a high volume of applicants;
- a timeline of events that led to system failures in the application process;

- identification of technical or procedural challenges in the application and first-come, first-served allocation of rebate certificates;
- costs incurred by the Department of Revenue as a result of the electric-assisted bicycle rebate program, including expenditures on system fixes or additional staff resources;
- recommendation for addressing the specific failure in the application system and preventing similar issues in future rebate certificate rollouts;
- an evaluation of any third-party vendor or contractor used in developing and managing the application system, including applicable accountability measures; and
- the Department of Revenue's anticipated programming to institute a lottery system for allocating rebate certificates;

No funds from the amount allocated for electric-assisted bicycles certificates may be used for preparing the report. Effective at the earlier of December 31, 2026, or upon submission of the report.



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