

Dear sirs/madams:

I am writing to express my concerns with transportation bill HB 2017 now under consideration. Among other elements, it includes a 3% tax on new bicycles over \$500.

As someone who owns 5 bicycles worth over \$10,000 combined, I make the following observations:

1. **The law applies only to a tiny subset of bicycle purchases.** Most high end bikes will result in zero tax. I have 5 bikes worth over \$10,000 collectively, and I would have had to pay zero if the law were in force when I bought them. The definition of a bicycle does not reflect the reality of how expensive bicycles are sold or even of what a bicycle is.

As a practical matter, this tax will be paid overwhelmingly by local businesses selling certain types of mid range bicycles.

2. **The tax will generate little revenue.** If this poorly conceived tax is implemented, it should be applied to all bicycles since it makes no sense to exclude over 90% of sales which are made by large out of state corporations. A better way to raise revenue would be a \$5 annual tag similar to the invasive species permit as that would be easy to administrate and generate much more money even allowing significant noncompliance.
3. **The sales tax on a \$5,000 bike is the same as a \$20,000 car in absolute terms.** As mentioned earlier, most people buying the bike will dodge the tax entirely. But those who don't pay more tax on a good bike that only gets ridden on weekends than a Honda Civic that gets taken on the roads every day.

Respectfully,

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