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Comments: Contrary to many of the comments submitted, class 1 e-bikes are not "motor vehicles", and therefore should not be subject to the same rules and regulations applied to off highway vehicles.

According to Cornell Law University, a "motor vehicle" is:

a vehicle which is self-propelled, and can exceed a speed of 25 miles per hour over level, paved surfaces.

class 1 e-bikes are not self propelled, they merely reduce the effort required by the rider, similar in effect to using lower gear ratios on a standard bicycle. They will not move without power also being provided by the rider. Class 1 e-bikes pedal assist is also limited to 20 mph.

By these facts, class 1 e-bikes should not be considered motor vehicles, and for all intents and purposes are nearly identical to traditional bicycles in terms of speed, power, and environmental impact, therefore they should be regulated the same as traditional bicycles.