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The Honorable Representative McKeown and Senator Beyer, Chairs
Representative Noble and Senator Boquist, Vice-Chairs
Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation
900 Court St NE Salem OR 97301

Chairs McKeown and Beyer, Vice Chairs Noble and Boquist, Members of the Committee,

On behalf of The Street Trust, we thank you for the opportunity to comment **in support of HB 2682**.

The Street Trust is a non-profit membership organization working to promote and improve public transit, walking and bicycling conditions in Oregon. Our membership represents over 14,000 Oregonians dedicated to create communities where people can meet their daily transportation needs through active transportation. We educate both drivers and cyclists on Oregon traffic and safety laws and their respective responsibilities. We have received support specifically for this bill from over 200 Oregonians.

HB 2682 aims to preserve consistency with the following statutes and legal guidance:

- ORS 811.050 - Requires motor vehicles to yield to a rider in the bicycle lane.
- ORS 811.415 - Permits bicycles to pass on the right if it is safe to do so
- ORS 814.400 - People riding a bicycle have the same rights and duties as the driver of any other vehicle
- ORS 801.220 - Stipulates that every intersection is a crosswalk, even if it is not painted or marked
- The Oregon Driver Manual and Oregon Bicycle Manuals - directs drivers to always yield to pedestrians, bicyclists and other traffic when making a turn. The Oregon Bicycle Manual directs bicyclists in a bike lane to stop behind the first vehicle in the adjacent car lane (especially if it is a truck or other large vehicle) to avoid being in its blind spot.
- The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD)

If striping was required to establish a bike lane in the intersection, cities, counties and ODOT would be faced with a significant unfunded capital and maintenance cost. HB 2682 aims to provide this clarity without incurring unnecessary costs. HB 2682 does not absolve cyclists of the requirement to ride with due care just as automobile drivers must. The legal documents listed above clearly establish that cyclists continue to be held to standards of due care and diligence.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope you vote “yes” to adopt this clarification.

Sincerely,
Richa Poudyal, Advocacy Director

The Street Trust