

I fully support this "Idaho Stop" law for Oregon. I am an every day bicycle commuter and occasional recreational rider. I understand that pragmatic and emotional responses to this law are entirely different things. Idaho's lead, and physics laws, show us the reasonable side to not enforcing full stops at every intersection. Safety is often enhanced when a rider is not forced to come off her bike and stand in the road.

The negative emotional side I have seen seems to come from drivers who think that bicyclists will "blow through" stop signs. I doubt the numbers of blown stops by bicyclists will change, only the legality of what after all seems to be more a habit of car drivers (rolling slowly through stop signs) than of bicyclists in any case. Or so I have noted in my many hundreds of hours of walking and cycling in Corvallis.

We must try in every way to make bicycling more attractive to all. Our future depends on alternative transportation.

Thank you for your consideration

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