

Hello,

I'd like to express my support for SB 998, Oregon's version of the "Idaho Stop" which proposes a law similar to one that's been shown to work safely in Idaho for many years.

The law would as I understand it simply codify the way the safest bike riders approach intersections: Fully taking in all information regarding right-of-way, potential threats, and vulnerable road users, while still maintaining a little of the momentum that makes cycling the most efficient means of transportation ever invented.

That this can be done safely is helped by the fact that people on bikes usually have a better field of view and can hear better than people in cars.

This law helps people using bikes for transportation make better use of neighborhood side roads that tend to get clogged up with stop signs as residents demand stop signs to address speeding through their neighborhoods.

The Idaho Stop is a good, common-sense approach of the sort we need good leadership to make happen, leadership I hope you'll provide.

Thanks very much for your time,

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