

Dear Chair Holvey, Dear House Rules Committee,

My name is Michael Steiner and i'm from Portland. I write to you encourage you bring Senate Bill 998 up for vote and lend my support to pass it. As I daily cyclist -- i live car-free and commute daily via MAX and bicycle from Portland to Hillsboro -- I would appreciate this new law which would allow me to commute more convenient and safer. As experience in both Idaho and Delaware as well as studies from UC Berkeley have shown, such a law has no downside in increased injury and fatality rates -- it is after all in the cyclists interest to behave safely as the cyclist is the most likely to suffer from careless actions -- but considerable amount of upsides.

Thank you for your considerations and working to progress this bill to adoption and vote "yes."

-michael steiner-