

Chair Holvey and Representatives Williamson, Wilson, Boles, Nosse, Smith Warner, and Sprenger:

I am writing you to encourage you to please support SB 998-A, allowing bicyclists to do rolling stops at stop signs.

As you are aware, Idaho has had a similar law for 37 years. Their law is supported by the Idaho State Police, as data have shown it works.

This bill would allow:

**The laws of Oregon to demonstrate awareness of the laws of physics.**

People riding bikes create about 100 watts of power; cars can do 100,000 watts.

This has been written about by University of California physics professor Joel Fajans:

<https://plasma.physics.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/Publications/StopSignsAccess.pdf>

**The laws of Oregon to demonstrate awareness of history, and that stop signs were created for cars.**

Stop signs weren't invented until 1915, when cars became more widespread.

Widespread bicycling and using of velocipedes did not require them.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stop\\_sign](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stop_sign)

**Oregon to remove a psychological barrier to biking, which is good for one's health and the Oregon economy.**

I'm teaching my 5-year-old daughter to bike. Fully stopping at each stop sign is a big barrier. Bicycling is good for the health of Oregonians, saves taxpayers dollars, and boosts the local economy of bike stores and manufacturers.

Thank you for your consideration, and your service to the state.

Regards,

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