

Hello,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 998. The Idaho Stop as it is known should be codified into Oregon law. Its a common sense and practical change that we need. Studies such as those from Idaho have indicated that this does not increase accident rates.

To quote the studies: *"When viable bike routes do not exist, cyclists, like motorists, are more likely to choose arterials for efficient travel, increasing their exposure to traffic dangers and pollution, therefore increasing their risk. Thus stop signs can push cyclists off cycle routes and increase myriad health harms."*

Please give this law the attention it deserves. Thank you for your time.

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