

To whom it concerns,

I'm a father and resident of NE Portland and I'd like to urge the House Rules committee to vote "yes" on SB998, the Oregon version of the "Idaho Stop". As a father who often commutes with his daughter on our bicycle, being able to conserve momentum is critically important for creating a safe and successful bike ride. Stopping unnecessarily and then trying to get back up to speed while autos traveling in the same direction of you creates a dangerous moment of rapidly different accelerations between auto user and bike user. If the situation is safe, this dangerous moment would be minimized by begin able to legally yield instead of coming to a complete stop at a clearly safe stop sign and continue on our ride. The first few steps of acceleration, from 0-9 mph, are generally the hardest to get going, and it is that acceleration that would be aided by this bill. Please, please support this bill to create a safer traffic environment for all road users!

Sincerely,

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