

In opposition to SB 9

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Please share my message with the Joint Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development.

As a citizen of Oregon, I oppose SB 9.

The existing penalty on cell phone use while driving is appropriate and sufficient. The \$1,000 maximum penalty in SB 9 would match maximum penalties for Class B violations, which are among the most serious traffic offenses (like running a red light or exceeding the speed limit by more 20-30 mph). It's just absurd to treat talking on the phone while driving the same as running a red light.

In my opinion, educating the public about the existing law is the best way to increase compliance.

Thank you,

Michael Burdick