

**TESTIMONY FOR THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND
TRANSPORTATION**

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Senator Lee Beyer, Chair
Senate Committee on Business and Transportation
Oregon Senate
900 Court St., NE, Room 453
Salem, OR 97301

Re: **Ray Thomas' Written Supplemental Testimony in Opposition to HB
3255**

Dear Senator Beyer,

Thank you for allowing me to testify this afternoon in regards to HB 3255 A.

I am writing to clarify a point of law. I believe it was said that the proposed rear red light requirement would not be applicable to bicycles ridden on sidewalks. The proposed bill applies to all bicycles ridden on the "highway". In Oregon, "Sidewalks", per their definition in ORS 801.485, are included in the definition of, and are therefore part of the highway. The law change proposed in HB 3255 A would require kids on their bicycles to have rear red lights installed on their bicycles even if they are only ridden on the sidewalk.

Furthermore many cities in Oregon prohibit the riding of bicycles on all or some of their sidewalks, including:

Albany
Ashland
Bend
Canby
Corvallis
Dallas
Eugene
Grants Pass
Hillsboro
McMinnville
Medford
Newberg
Portland

Prineville
Roseburg
Salem
Tigard
Troutdale
West Linn
Woodburn
Yamhill

Thank you for considering this information.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Thomas