



**PROTECTING YOUR
RIGHT TO ROAM**

May 19, 2017

TO: Senate Business & Transportation Committee

SUBJECT: Support of HB 2682_A

Chair Beyer & Members of the Senate Business & Transportation Committee,

Oregon Walks would like to express support for HB 2682 with the amendment allowing the City of Portland to lower speeds on residential streets. As the state's leading pedestrian advocacy organization, we believe it is necessary that streets be safe for everyone – and speed plays a huge factor. Allowing the City the Portland the ability to lower the speed limit, even by 5mph, will increase safety and lessen the likelihood of a fatality in the event of a crash on those streets.

We believe the approval of HB 2682_A is crucial to reducing traffic fatalities, as a 5mph reduction in speed can directly decrease the likelihood of death in the case of a collision with a pedestrian. We also believe that we should be looking at a broader and more holistic approach to lowering speeds, which includes our most dangerous corridors. These roads are currently exempted from this bill. HB 1682_A is a necessary start, but we have a long way to go to create safer streets for everyone.

Oregon Walks urges the Senate Business and Transportation Committee to support HB 2682_A.

On behalf of Oregon Walks,

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Noel Mickelberry
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