

I am writing in support of SB558, which authorizes cities to designate speed for highway under city's jurisdiction that is five miles per hour lower than statutory speed when highway is located in residence district and highway is not arterial highway.

Bend Oregon is growing rapidly and has yet to perfect the infrastructure to meet the growing population. In particular, due to the increasing population, many residential areas have been used as conduits to arterials in the city. This results in increased speed in neighborhoods, which endangers the residents of these neighborhoods. While reducing the speed to 20 may not immediately alter these patterns, it would be enforceable and would begin to address the culture of driving in residential areas.

A human struck by a car going 20 **MPH** vs 25 MPH is 40% less likely to die as a result. A car going 20 MPH is less likely to hit a pedestrian due to a more favorable reaction time. Thus a reduction in speed saves lives!

Thank you.

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