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Joint Transportation Committee:

I am writing to urge you to support HB 2682 by scheduling it for a work session and then referring it to the House and Senate for a vote. This bill is important in clarifying that bike lanes continue through intersections. This addresses judges' seeming lack of interest and/or understanding around how people on bikes travel, how people in motor vehicles travel, and what their intersection can mean. Past court rulings have unfortunately sent the message that people on bikes in intersections adjacent to bike lanes have no protections from people in motor vehicles. A bike lane is functionally meaningless if the protections it (theoretically) offers ends at every intersection. Surely these judges would not treat people who walk this way: when people walking are in intersections between stretches of sidewalk these people have rights to not be bodily-harmed by people in motor vehicles. It's obvious to me, and, I hope, to you, that people on bikes need to proceed from streets to intersections, just as people on foot need to proceed from sidewalks to intersections. Allowing people on bikes to be legally injured/killed by drivers once people on bikes enter the intersection from a bike lane is absurd and, quite frankly, disgusting. Most streets lack bike lanes. If people in motor vehicles don't want to consider people on bikes there are plenty of other options for them than driving on streets with bike lanes.

I bike, walk, drive, and take public transit to get around not just Portland, but all of Oregon, and I expect to be protected in every mode of transit I employ. My life, and the life of all Oregonians, is worth more than 5 seconds of someone's time.

Sincerely,

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