

Honorable Rules Committee Members,

I would like to voice my support for your consideration and approval of Senate Bill 988 to allow bicycle riders to treat stop signs and flashing red signals as yield signs. It is important that traffic laws consider the needs and perspectives of all road users. As a person riding a bicycle has to use muscle power, rather than fossil fuel energy, to initiate momentum, having to come to a complete stop at most intersections discourages the use of bicycles for many trips. And as a similar law in Idaho has demonstrated, should decrease unsafe behavior and associated crashes on our roads.

At a time of increasing risk of climate change and decreasing public health due to lack of active lifestyles, we should be supporting changes that encourage bicycling as a means of meeting our mobility needs. Please support this bill.

Sincerely,

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