

Dear Chair Holvey and the House Rules Committee Members,

I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill 998. As a Portland resident who rides my bike daily, I have no doubt that this bill would help make our streets safer and more efficient.

According to researcher Jason Meggs from the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, "There is no evidence of any long-term increase in injury or fatality rates as a result of the adoption of the original Idaho Law in 1982."

Also- I can attest that cyclists have a greater field of vision approaching an intersection, and that we can safely assess traffic conditions without coming to a full stop. I have been riding with my two children downtown every day for 11 years, and we use the "Idaho Stop" prudently and safety, and without incident.

Let's codify this safe and smart law for cyclists.

Thank you for your support of SB 998.

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