

Dear Members of the House Rules Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to vote in favor of SB 998, which would allow bicyclists to treat stop signs and flashing red lights as yields. This would make our roads not only more efficient but, more importantly, safer. This quote is from a 2010 study that analyzed the effects of a similar law passed in Idaho: "Intersections are the most dangerous zone for cyclists, whose safety benefits from the freedom to choose the safest time to clear, and to do so more quickly. Bicyclists enjoy vastly superior abilities to perceive and execute a safe yield at a stop than other modes, and great incentive to do so safely. Exposure to harmful pollutants which accrue at intersections is also reduced." [Here is a link to the study.](#)

I commute by bicycle daily, and also volunteer with bicycle safety education in my home town of Corvallis. The main reason I support this bill and ask you to do so is because it would make our streets safer and help protect some of the most vulnerable users.

Thank you,

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