

My name is Rob McRae, and I live in NE Portland, within District 43. I am contacting you to voice my support for SB 998, allowing cyclists to enter intersections controlled by stop signs, and treat them as yield signs, specifically when safe to do so.

I am both an automobile operator and a near-daily cyclist. Cycling allows me to save money, stay healthy, and get where I need to go efficiently with minimal environmental impact. I am a conscientious cyclist who sees the benefits of allowing cyclists to treat stop signs as yield sign. The onus of safe operation remains on the cyclist, but the option to avoid dangerous low-speed transitions will be safer for all road users, especially when there is a car directly behind a bike.

This proposed bill would also make cycling more attractive to more people by reducing the high-effort inertia-building that is required any time a cyclist has to make a complete stop. Studies, [like this one](#), have shown that this bill would specifically make cycling safer and [this video](#) shows the details in the simple terms of a cyclist. More cyclists in the community means less cars on the road, more human interactions which build communities, more dollars in pockets, healthier hearts in bodies and everyone gets where they are going more efficiently and more safely.

In short, there are many upsides and no real proven downsides to this bill. This is a clear and easy victory for all road users. Please work to progress this bill to adoption and vote “yes.”

Thank you,

Rob McRae