

Dear House Rules Committee Members,

My name is Jordan Crider, and I currently live in Portland, OR. I commute by bicycle to work five days a week, and travel throughout the state with my bicycle on the weekends. I fully support the passage of SB 998, which would permit a person operating a bicycle to enter an intersection controlled by specified traffic control devices without stopping. I have over 30 years of experience operating a bicycle on the roadway. I would wholeheartedly welcome the opportunity to legally and safely yield to other road users, rather than having to come to a complete stop, even when no other road users are present. Riding a human powered bicycle would be so much more efficient, enjoyable, and practical, if the rider were able to possibly keep the smallest amount of momentum while yielding, rather than downshifting, stopping, putting feet down, and then getting going again, upshifting, and getting back up to speed - only to stop again at the next stop sign. The impact would be minimal, and so many bicycle riders already safely (albeit illegally) practice a yield at many of the stop signs along low-speed residential streets. Thank you for your consideration of this important bill.

Regards,

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