

Hello,

I am a bike commuter. Each day I ride 12 miles to and from work. Portland has done much to make the roads safer and better for cyclists, but there is still so much more that could be done. I am excited to hear that Oregon is close to passing our version of the Idaho stop.

I think this is fantastic. This will work to make traffic more efficient for both cyclists and automobiles. Currently, if a cyclist and an automobile approach a stop sign at the same time, there is an awkward stutter where the right of way is unclear. Some drivers may wave a cyclist through, while others may floor it to cross even after a cyclist has already entered the intersection. The uncertainty of behavior causes hesitation that slows down traffic.

This is especially true because of the time it takes for a bike to reach a full stop, then accelerate fast enough to exit the intersection. With the stop as a yield, the cyclist needs only to slow down enough to recognize that they will approach the intersection before the automobile, that the automobile will correctly come to a stop, then the cyclist can speed up again to cross the intersection. The car can then cross the intersection. This complete interaction will take less time than the current required practice where all parties must come to a complete stop!

I support this bill and hope to see it pass soon.

Sincerely,

Jason