

Hello,

I wanted to share my opinion that Oregon's version of the Idaho stop law is a good idea and makes sense and ask that you please vote yes and approve it. I have been a daily cyclist for over 15 years riding between my home in Portland and work in Beaverton. What I have learned in those years is there are times to follow the law and there are times when it is safer and more efficient not to. When I am riding I am thoughtful of when and how to use momentum and when I am at a complete stop, I am the most vulnerable. I can't move out of the way of a bus or garbage truck or as happened today, I can't get on the curb and out of the way when passed by a fire engine. If there are cars or people around, I stop. Always. Pedestrians first, just like when I drive. And I'm one of those cyclists who waits at a 4 way stop when there are cars there, just like everyone should. When it's 5am and no-one is around though, it doesn't make any sense to stop.

This law simply makes sense and I hope you decide to vote yes and approve it. Please, it's the right thing to do.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

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