

To the House Rules Committee,

As a cyclist of nearly 30 years, the last six of which I have spent navigating Portland's city streets, I strongly encourage you to pass House Bill 2690.

The so-called 'Idaho Stop' law would make it legal for bicyclists to do a 'rolling stop' at stop signs where there is a clear right of way (rather than coming to a full stop as an automobile does). Bicyclists like myself do this because coming to a full stop zeroes out the momentum and efficiency of our ride—maintaining momentum makes for an easier ride.

This law has been in effect in Idaho since 1982 (that's 37 years) and has been proven safe there.

This video does a tremendous job of explaining how bicyclists benefit from the law, how it reinforces safety, and doesn't change any right-of-way laws. It's four minutes long: <https://vimeo.com/4140910>

Thank you for your consideration.

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