

Colleagues,

I am writing to voice my strong support for Senate Bill 998, which would permit a person operating bicycle to enter intersection controlled by specified traffic control devices without stopping (the so called 'Idaho stop').

I am a cyclist and year round bicycle commuter in the Portland metropolitan area. I am also a physician and thus safety is always my primary concern.

I believe this bill preserves the safety of cyclists and pedestrians without increasing the chances of collisions with motorized vehicles. It will also increase the efficiency of cycling and perhaps increase greater use of this non-polluting, low impact mode of transportation.

I urge a yes vote on this bill.

Sincerely,

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