

Dear Rules Committee and Representative Doherty,

Regarding: SB 998 | Bikes May Yield at Traffic Control Device

Please pass SB 998. This is important legislation that codifies and legalizes the safe way in which most competent bicyclists treat stop signs and other traffic control devices. Bicyclists simply cannot accelerate from a full stop in the same way that a motor vehicle with an internal combustion engine can. That time in which a bicyclist is re-starting puts a bicyclist in danger from cars.

This is safe legislation. An excellent video summary explaining the issue can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/4140910>

Again, please pass this legislation. This makes a big difference in my daily commute from my Tigard home to Tigard Transit Center.

Lastly, please add funding for protected bike lanes in SW Portland and Tigard. Tigard currently has 0 miles of protected bike lanes, and we need safer streets. Highway 99W is unsafe for all modes, but especially for bike users and pedestrians. We need a champion to make Highway 99w like the upcoming Outer Powell safety project.

Best,
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