

Dear Rules Committee:

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

I am writing you today to **strongly urge the committee to please pass SB 998**. This is important legislation that codifies and legalizes the safe way in which 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. Enforcement of the current law is a drain upon the limited resources of courts and our enforcement officers.

SB 998 is safe legislation and exists already in the States of Idaho, Delaware, Colorado, and Arkansas as well as within local jurisdictions throughout the nation. An excellent video summary explaining the issue can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/4140910>

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter!

Kind Regards, Matchu Williams
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