

As a person who believes in using a bicycle for as much of my transportation as I can, I strongly support SB 998. It is a law that makes sense and even can improve safety. As you may know, Idaho has had a law similar to this since 1982 and bicycle safety has improved (something like 14%). Other states have adopted laws based on the Idaho law (Delaware, Colorado & Arkansas) and other states are considering the change. It can encourage people to ride bikes more as they can maintain their movement and save their energy.

As I hope this passes, the new law would need to be taught to the public. All road users need to understand the new law. Encourage law enforcement to ticket bikes that abuse the law. There also needs more education about the stop for pedestrians law. Cars many times stop when they have the right away when I am at a stop sign on my bike. I really wish they would not as I can get through the intersection much faster and safer if they would not stop.

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