

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to show my support for Senate Bill 998. I believe if this becomes law, it would be incredibly beneficial to all road users. I am a cyclist and use Oregon roads in both urban and rural areas. In the former, I encounter scenarios time and again where stopping at a stop sign provides no additional safety, it just slows down myself and a motorist forced to wait for me. In rural areas, of course, it's very common to encounter stop signs at empty intersections, wherein a yield would be greatly beneficial. (Stopping and restarting has a significant effect on the time to cycle somewhere, thereby greatly effecting its efficiency. I'm convinced there's many road users who choose a car because it's faster, and this wouldn't be the case in a stop-sign-as-yield-sign scenario.) And of course all cyclists do NOT want to hit or get hit by a car, truck, cyclist or pedestrian—i.e. unsafe behavior will not develop from this law change, as cyclists' own safety is their top priority!

Thank you for your consideration of my comments, David Cushman