

Dear Rules Committee:

Please pass SB 998, Bikes May Yield at Traffic Control Device. As a daily bicycle rider in Portland, I already see many, many instances of people on bikes using stop signs as a yield and I've never seen a crash as a result. This would simply codify and legalize the safe way in which most people biking already treat stop signs.

A person on a bike simply cannot accelerate from a full stop in the same way that a motor vehicle with an internal combustion engine can. Idaho has had such legislation in place since 1982, and [one study](#) showed that it resulted in 14% fewer crashes. Paris, France; Delaware, parts of Colorado, and Arkansas all have similar laws.

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

Again, please pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
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