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Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
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SB826 – Bicycle Operation at Intersections - Bicycle Safety Yield
Position: Favorable

Chair Smith and Members of the Committee:

Bikemore has submitted joint testimony with advocates across the state in support of SB826—the Bicycle Safety Yield.

We wanted to provide some additional testimony in support, based on questions we have seen raised since legislation introduction.

- 1) The Bicycle Safety Yield is most advantageous to less experienced riders, older and younger riders who may be less stable, and riders with disabilities that affect their balance. The safety yield allows these riders to maintain momentum and balance at intersections more frequently, reducing risk of conflict with vehicles due to instability.
- 2) The Bicycle Safety Yield also helps riders of larger, heavier bicycles like e-bikes, family bikes, cargo bikes, and adaptive/assistive bicycles. For example, my neighbor is 6'2, and has little issue starting his family bicycle with two children in the bucket. His 4'11" wife rides the same bicycle, with the same children in it to daycare. It is difficult for her to get moving at every stop, introducing delay at intersections and unpredictability.
- 3) The Bicycle Safety Yield does not change right-of-way law, as bicyclists must still yield to traffic that otherwise would have the right-of-way at a stop sign.

We have filmed a short video ([▶ Bicycle Safety Yield Overview](#)) that goes over this with real world examples and encourage you to view it.

We encourage a favorable report and passage of SB826.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jed Weeks", written over a light purple background.

Jed Weeks
Executive Director