

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

May 7, 2003
8:45 AM

Hearing Room C
Tapes 106 - 107

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Rick Metsger, Chair**
 Sen. Ryan Deckert
 Sen. David Nelson

VISITING MEMBERS: **Hon. Sen. Codi Frazier, Honorary Chair**
 Sen. Frank Shields

MEMBERS EXCUSED: **Sen. Bruce Starr, Vice-Chair**

STAFF PRESENT: **Amy Joyce, Committee Administrator**
 Annastasia Suess, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: HB 2768 – Informational Meeting

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 106, A		
002	Chair Metsger	Calls the committee to order at 8:50 a.m. introduces the Honorary Sen. Codi Frazier, who is a ten-year-old guest of the chair.
015	Sen. Codi Frazier	Opens the informational meeting on HB 2768.
HB 2768 – INFORMATIONAL MEETING		
020	Rep. Floyd Prozanski	District 8. Provides summary and testimony in favor of HB 2768.
100	Rep. Prozanski	Continues testimony elaborating on the need for HB 2768. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety• Congestion relief
150	Sen. Nelson	Asks for the estimate of bicycle riders in Oregon.
156	Rep. Prozanski	States he is unsure.
160	Sen. Shields	Asks if there are other states considering a change in the law to allow for yielding at stop signs.
170	Rep. Prozanski	Answers, states Idaho has had this law in affect for twenty years.
200	Sen. Nelson	Asks if younger children will be ale to comprehend the safety issue of stopping at stop signs and lights.
209	Rep. Prozanski	Comments on the bicycle safety taught to young people in Oregon.
240	Sen. Jason Atkinson	District 2. Provides testimony in favor of HB 2768. Provides visual aide and detail of design intent of bicycle pedals.
300	Sen. Shields	Asks about the tension placed on the clip-in bicycle pedal, and asks if it is a safety hazard, since the rider is unable to quickly remove their foot from the pedal for stopping.
320	Sen. Atkinson	Comments on the preference for clip-in pedal. Provides details on various pedals used in bicycling.

350	Sen. Shields	Asks for clarification that the safety of the pedals is equal to both urban and rural riding.
360	Sen. Atkinson	Confirms.
370	Rep. Prozanski	Further elaborates on the small differences between urban and rural riders.
380	Sen. Atkinson	Elaborates on the SPD pedal design.
TAPE 107, A		
003	Chief Wayne McFarland	McMinnville Police. Provides testimony in opposition to HB 2768.
040	Sen. Shields	Comments on the language regarding bicyclists yielding to traffic.
050	Chief McFarland	Comments on the practicality of drivers. States drivers need to be aware of the intent of the bicyclist at intersections.
055	Sen. Shields	Asks if there has been discussion with Idaho police to compare the increase of difficulty with this law.
065	Rick Waring	Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Coordinator, Oregon Department of Transportation. Provides testimony in opposition to HB 2768.
090	Waring	States that HB 2768 will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send mixed messages to young children • Introduce uncertainty for drivers as to a bicyclists intention at an intersection • Can negatively impact bicyclists • Bicyclist perception
111	Sen. Nelson	Asks for a response to the theory that this bill will not cause great amounts of behavioral change.
120	Waring	Comments on the amount of change that can be anticipated.
130	Sen. Deckert	Asks if there has been information from other states on this bill.
140	Waring	Responds that a brief research was done on Idaho's safety data and states there was nothing that suggested an increased fatality rate for bicyclists.
157	Sandra Bishop	Bicyclist, Eugene. Provides testimony in support of HB 2768. Encourages the need to look into the statistics from states that already have this law in effect.
200	Chair Frazier	Closes the informational hearing and adjourns the committee at 9:34 a.m.