

Please, no helmet law expansion

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Senator **Floyd Prozanski** plans to propose expanding Oregon's bicycle helmet law. Currently, the law requires helmet use for anyone under 16. This expansion would make it apply to adults, too.

Full story at **bikePortland**.

I really hope this doesn't happen. Since I've already **explained my position**, I don't really need to do it again. I think helmet laws are just going to discourage bicycle use.

I feel we're approaching a defining moment, where gas prices will have a lot of people seriously considering alternative modes of transportation. We need to encourage bicycle use, but I feel this expansion of the helmet law will discourage it.

And please note, I'm pro-helmet use. I always ride with one, and I scoff at those that don't.