

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS**  
*University of California, Santa Barbara*  
*Senate Resolution*

**Subject:** A Resolution calling upon UCPD, and Santa Barbara Sheriff Department, and the California Highway Patrol to allow bicycles to treat stop signs and red lights as yield signs

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**Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FPP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bill Type:** Positional **Vote Required for Passage:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ recommends to the A.S. Senate that the following action be taken:

Pass As Written: \_\_\_\_\_ Pass With Amendments: \_\_\_\_\_ Do Not Pass: \_\_\_\_\_

Refer To Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by a Vote Of: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson's initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT -SPONSORED LEGISLATION**

Student Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Co-Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

The Student-Sponsored Resolution Liaison \_\_\_\_\_ has insured that this Student-Sponsored Resolution is correct in its form and adherence to the *ASUCSB Legal Code*.

Pass As Written: \_\_\_\_\_ Pass With Amendments: \_\_\_\_\_ Do Not Pass: \_\_\_\_\_

Refer To Ad-Hoc Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Account: \_\_\_\_\_

**A Resolution**

Calling upon UCPD, Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department, and the California Highway Patrol to allow bicycles to treat stop signs and red lights as yield signs

**Whereas:** California State Vehicle and Traffic Law ("VTL") SECTION 21200-21213 requires bicyclists to obey all traffic laws and regulations, including stopping and yielding signs and signals; and

**Whereas:** In 1982, Idaho adopted section 49-720 (the "Idaho stop"), which allows bicycles to treat stops signs as yield signs and to proceed through a red light, but only when it is safe to do so; and

**Whereas:** Instead of making a full stop at a stop sign, bicyclists in Idaho are allowed to slow down, and if necessary, to stop; and

**Whereas:** According to the League of American Bicyclists, in addition to Idaho, Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin, have adopted some version of the Idaho statute; and

**Whereas:** The growing popularity of bicycles has prompted some cities and states to reevaluate their traffic laws; and.

**Whereas:** Because of the positive externalities of cycling, bicycle laws should be designed to allow cyclists to travel swiftly and easily, and this provision allows for the conservation of energy, and;

**Whereas:** UC Santa Barbara's bicycle transportation infrastructure has received a Gold Award from the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly University program for five years in a row, and;

**Whereas:** In addition to traditional means of transportation, such as motor vehicles and public transit, a growing number of Isla Vista residents and businesses are using bicycles for pleasure, work and as a commuting alternative; and;

**Whereas:** Moreover, riding a bicycle raises distinct safety needs and requirements; and

**Whereas:** Individuals who ride bicycles do not pose the same safety hazards to pedestrians because bicycles generally travel at a slower speed and bicyclists have the ability to more quickly see and respond to surrounding traffic;

**Therefore let it be resolved by the Associated Students in the Senate assembled:** the Student Senate requests to make citations for bicyclists for failure to stop at a stop sign offenses the Santa Barbara County Sheriff Department, University of California Police Department, and the California Highway Patrol's lowest traffic law enforcement priority, provided that the bicyclist first slows to a safe speed and yields the right-of-way to any other vehicle or pedestrian in the intersection, and;

**Let it further be resolved that:** That the Student Senate of the University of California at Santa Barbara calls upon the State Legislature to pass, and for the Governor to sign, legislation to allow bicycles to treat stop signs and red lights as yield signs, and;

**Let it further be resolved that:** The AS Senate shall assist the A.S. Bike Committee in organizing, funding and publicizing a campaign to promote bicycle safety.