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Oregon Progressive Party Position on Bill at 2017 Session of Oregon Legislature:

HB 3125 A: Support, with further amendment

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, which:

- Defines "autocycle."
- Provides that person may operate autocycle without motorcycle endorsement.

As we testified earlier on similar bills, however, this bill contains an overly restrictive definition of "autocycle."

There is no reason that the definition should include "a steering wheel for steering control." There are many 3-wheeled vehicles which are steered by means of handlebars, either above the seat or below the seat. Why should there necessarily be a steering wheel?

There is no reason that the definition should require nonstraddle seating. There is nothing inherently safe about nonstraddle seating or unsafe about straddle seating, either for the driver or for passengers.

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