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

SB 36: Support

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, which Provides that Department of Transportation may waive skills test for person seeking motorcycle endorsement to operate a three-wheeled motorcycle.

Development and use of small 3-wheeled vehicles ("tricycles") will be critical to reducing energy use (and the resulting air emissions and other dangers) for transportation. Unlike 4-wheeled vehicles, tricycles can be designed to lean into curves to increase stability, even with narrow wheelbases. Using tricycles in place of cars could double the capacity of existing streets and roads, as tricycles can proceed two-abreast.

There are dozens of tilting and non-tilting electric and human-powered tricycles under development, such as:

http://www.toyota-global.com/innovation/personal_mobility/i-road
<http://newatlas.com/zev-lrc-t15-electric-tilting-three-wheeler/47432/>
<https://www.arcimoto.com> (developed in Eugene)
<http://trucktrike.com> (developed in Portland) (in production)

The time has passed for near-total reliance on passenger cars that weigh over 3,000 pounds, whether powered by gasoline or electricity, for carrying only one person. Such cars waste most of the energy consumed just to transport their own weight, not their passenger or cargo. Tricycles can be far lighter and more efficient than 4-wheeled vehicles.

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