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To whom it may concern-

I urge the Joint Transportation Committee to please support HB2314.

I'm a 20 year veteran motorcyclist, regular motorcycle commuter, and year round rider. I'm an Oregon native that has done a stint of living in California where motorcycle lane sharing is legal, and I've experienced the benefits of lane sharing first hand.

Lane sharing motorcycles are a huge step in the right direction to alleviate the worsening congestion in Oregon--especially in Portland, Salem, and congested metro areas. Lane sharing maximizes traffic lane availability and increases traffic flow.

As a motorcyclist that has been rear-ended in traffic, I find being able to ride between stop and go cars is an excellent means of defensive riding to prevent rear-end accidents or being sandwiched between stopping cars. This is especially true in the era of distracted driving we live in, when it is so easy for drivers to lapse attention and rear-end the vehicle in front of them.

I also truly believe that motorcycles are much more environmentally friendly, due to increased fuel economy and lower emissions, and lane sharing simply improves fuel economy further as it eliminates an idling vehicle in traffic.

I believe lane sharing is a safe practice that is a progressive solution to traffic congestion problems, and provides safety and defensive riding options to motorcyclists. I'm urging the committee to please support the bill.

Respectfully,

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