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Please take this as my support to HB2314. While I do not live in the Portland area, being as close as 100 miles away I get the occasion to ride there often. My son lives off 217 and I can tell you it is a mess and painful (literally) to ride to see him in the summer months. Being stuck in traffic with a hand clutch is no fun what so ever. In addition my motorcycle is air cooled and it gets no air flow to cool it down stuck in traffic. Several times I have been forced to pull to the side of road and let it cool down, causing a traffic headache in itself. I have been riding for at least 40 years and read safety articles and attend Team Oregon classes so I consider myself a trained rider. I will not Lane Share unless the traffic meets the standards laid out in this bill. In fact I can also see many times when I would not feel comfortable Lane Sharing.

This bill allows the freedom to escape the traffic jam and increases the safety for riders. I have personally witnessed several rear end collisions with motorcycles at the intersection on Highway 34 into Corvallis. Darn cell phones. This bill could reduce the threat for those on major highways likes 217.

I am a member of Hub City ABATE and several other motorcycle groups and am active in motorcycle related issues, including fund raising for posters, banner and bill boards to promote motorcycle awareness.

I urge you to support HB2314

Bob Thomas