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Please vote YES on HB2314. I am submitting this email as support for motorcycle lane sharing in Oregon.

I am a seasoned rider and have been on two wheels for two decades. I also work in the motorbike industry and know that a larger number of people are purchasing two-wheeled vehicles than ever before.

Lane sharing has proven to be a safe and effective method of reducing congestion on the roads in a continually expanding urban area. As cities like Portland, Salem and Eugene grow, so do the amount of vehicles on the road. With the amount of motorbikes on the road, a considerable number of vehicles waiting in traffic would be reduced by introducing a sanctioned lane sharing law.

Lane sharing also eases the carbon footprint left by motorbikes. It's proven that any vehicle at idle is creating unnecessary exhaust, but that would be eliminated from motorbikes if they are not required to stay stationary. This likewise is beneficial to the life of air-cooled motorbikes. An air-cooled motorbike requires air flow through the cylinder(s) in order to maintain the proper operating temperature of the engine. Being stationary for too long during the warmer months can do internal damage to an engine, which could lead to premature wear on seals and piston rings and thus creating a higher level of from a bike that otherwise would be maintained at proper operating temperature.

Lane sharing is also safer for those on the road. Being able to be between cars at a safe speed/distance can greatly reduce the chance of fatal accidents, such as if a biker is rear-ended by a much larger vehicle.

Long story short, lane sharing would be beneficial to all on the road. Less vehicles being stuck in traffic, less vehicles idling and creating excessive pollution, even a possibility that more people would be on two wheels if it became more accessible and therefore lowering the numbers of the first two points even more.

Please vote YES on HB2314.

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