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Please vote YES on HB2314.

When I first learned to ride a motorcycle 5 years ago, it was originally to enjoy the open road and explore this beautiful state I have called home for over 10 years now. I am now a daily motorcyclist; my motorcycle is my primary mode of transportation.

Lane sharing would allow me as a motorcyclist to reduce the risk of peril by filtering to the front of stoplights, avoiding being rear-ended as I blend into the cars in front of me. In filtering to the front by sharing, I become independent from traffic, reducing my risk of rear-end collision. Motorcycling fatalities from rear-end collisions are 30% lower in California than in Texas or Florida, states without lane splitting but similar ride-share.

I know that more motorcyclists would ride more often and throughout the year, as in California, Europe, Australia etc if they were able to ride more safely through the benefits of lane sharing. This would make an impact on mobility in urban areas such as Portland and Salem and potentially decrease the amount of cars stuck in traffic during rush hour. With an increase of motorcyclists on the road, the overall awareness of other drivers and consequently, the safety of motorcyclists increases. Lastly, Lane Sharing is already permitted for cyclists, who suffer from the exact same risks as motorcyclists. This is made legal for their benefit as it should be for motorcyclists.

Please look to the statistics of motorcycle safety in California, before and after AB51 and consider this when voting.

Thank you,

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