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I'm writing to encourage your support of a YES vote on House Bill 2314.

As a road riding motorcyclist of over 20 years, lane sharing or 'filtering' as it is often referred to is a wonderful benefit on many levels. I have many miles of first hand experience in the practice of lane sharing, and believe it to be safe, productive, beneficial, and educational to all road users.

It eases congestion, improves the flow of traffic, and gives a motorcycle operator the opportunity to position themselves in a more conspicuous location to other drivers and vehicles. This helps visibility of the rider and their machine, which can often be dwarfed among modern road going trucks and S.U.V.s.

An added awareness benefit is to other vehicle operators. With sound proof cabins, GPS, and other digital screens and audio systems, the inside of many vehicle cabins are very isolated from the environment just outside their windows. A slight difference in the usual pattern of traffic such as a filtering motorcycle catches the attention immediately. From that point on a vehicle driver is more likely to be 'watching for', or 'expecting to see' a filtering motorcycle. The outcome is a safety benefit through visibility to both the motorcycle operator, and the vehicle driver.

In addition, one's possible initial frustration that the car they are in cannot filter, may lead the car driver to think about riding a motorcycle instead. If so, this could contribute to a smaller traffic footprint, less congestion on our roadways, less vehicle emissions, less gasoline use and less wear and tear on road surfaces.

Please vote YES on house bill 2314 and let Oregon continue to be at the leading edge of progressive and thoughtful legislation. Motorcyclists are only one of many groups that will benefit.

Thoughtfully submitted,  
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