Good evening,

I whole heartedly declare my support of HB2314.

Lane sharing from my experience provide a safer environment for the motorcyclist community. It specifically allows motorcyclists to traverse dense traffic situations, avoiding the danger of being rear ended by a car or truck, which happens all too often. At stop lights a motorcycle is able to move to the front of the line, reducing traffic congestion, and creating a safe area for themselves, free of the risk of being rear ended by a potentially distracted driver. The reduction in traffic is an excellent benefit to lane sharing, but to add to that, the environmental effect would help as well, less vehicles in congested areas means less idling or slow movings vehicles, less gas consumed and less exhaust emitted into the air. In addition, according to the RICE report, motorcyclists who utilize lane sharing are at a lower risk of serious accident as opposed to riders who do not lane share and move along at the same speed of traffic taking up and full lane.

Lane sharing should obviously only be done safely and by a rider who is confident in their abilities to both ride and read the situation and roads. It by no means would mean that all riders or all abilities would lane sharing. But rather more as an safe alternative option for when the situation calls for it.

I hope that this testimony helps bring HB2314 into reality as I believe traffic congestion, environment, and motorcyclists will benefit by the passing of this bill.

Thank you

Tobias Lee