

HB2314 Lane Sharing rather than riding impaired

Thank You Chair Beyer for allowing us this hearing. My name is Paula

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There are health risks associated with riders sitting in traffic, that are comparable to impaired riding. HB2314 will allow us to find a safe place to pull over before having a health emergency.

Physical and psychological risks of sitting in traffic

There is more to riding impaired than being under the influence of intoxicants.

Motorcycle riders are exposed to the elements, leaving them vulnerable to the heat, cold, rain, dehydration, wind, and constant use of S.I.P.D.E crash avoidance riding skills (**S**can for hazards, **I**dentify hazard, **p**redict worst case scenario, **D**ecide what to do, **e**xecute plan), poor weather conditions, poor road conditions, frequent repeated, gear changes, and general fatigue of operating the motorcycle for long durations with little rest.

Risks associated with physical fatigue to the rider:

Tiredness, cramping in the hands/arms, neck, back, legs, feet, eyes, our whole body.
In a car, you can move around and stretch. On a motorcycle, you just have to endure it

Risks associated with mental fatigue to the rider:

Slower reaction time
Difficulty maintaining speed
Difficulty braking and shifting
Losing control of the bike
Running off the road

If that's not enough, my motorcycle exhaust burns a hole in all my riding pants, on my right leg below the knee if I keep my foot down too long.



