

As an Oregon motorcyclist, I highly encourage you to vote YES on Senate Bill 574. Riding a motorcycle on Oregon roads will always have increased risks in comparison to an automobile. However, legalizing lane-splitting WOULD make it safer than it currently is. When you are riding a motorcycle in bumper to bumper traffic you are a sitting duck. It is much safer to stay in motion than to be constantly stopping and hoping the vehicle behind you does the same. My little brother was rear-ended on I-5 in Portland a few years ago in stop-and-go traffic and was obviously unable to see it coming. Luckily he survived, but it easily could have been a lot worse. With distracted driving being such a relevant issue in today's commuting it would make sense to do everything we can to protect motorcyclists. Legalizing the ability to lane-split would be a very beneficial step to making our two-wheeled commute safer.