

As a motorcyclist I acknowledge that I commute in a more dangerous way than other motorists. I ride a motorcycle not only for the joy of riding but also for the environmental aspects. I cannot afford an electric car but I want to do my part to lower my carbon footprint and riding achieves that goal. Lane sharing is successful in both California and Utah with regards to saving riders from injury or death from distracted motorists who rear end motorcycles daily. Personally I have had many close calls where I've had to quickly speed ahead and in between two vehicles to avoid being rear ended. A small collision between two vehicles can be lethal if the lead vehicle is a motorcycle. Lane sharing/lane filtering also helps to reduce traffic which is a major issue around the Portland Metro Area. Life isn't a race and car drivers need to realize that I'm not "cutting in line". We aren't going to the same place. With lane sharing I would be one less vehicle that you would be stuck behind. Please support SB 574 for the safety of riders and for the lessening of traffic. Thank you.