

I strongly support SB574. As a year round rider, I have been forced into many dangerous situations during heavy traffic situations due to driver negligence. I have ridden long enough to know to keep full focus on my surroundings, and have been fortunate to see the drivers encroaching on my space in traffic, however the dangers of increased rear end accidents in traffic are significantly worse for motorcyclists. The ability to safely and slowly remain out of traffic by riding between cars or in the emergency lane would greatly reduce the traffic congestion as a whole for everyone, and more importantly will save lives and injury to motorcyclists. The statistics of states that already allow this form of lane splitting/filtering show that it is both safer and more efficient! Let's do the right thing, and make positive improvements to the ever increasing highway convention in Oregon!