

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to request your support of this bill. As a motorcyclist, motorist, and cyclist in the State of Oregon I do not believe that it can be overstated the value and positive impact of this legislation. All we need to do to see the utility and merit of this bill is to look to our neighbor to the south. Not only have they had lane splitting/sharing in practice for many decades, they also saw fit to invest in studying its worth under various criteria including safety, and environmental impact. A UC Berkeley study from 2015 shows the benefits to all road users of allowing motorcycles to travel in between delineated lanes of traffic. This study has been reviewed and acknowledged by many organizations, including the American Motorcyclist Association. In addition to California, Utah current has the practice in use on a provisional basis to study its use in their state, and many other countries/municipalities across the globe have had this practice in use for years if not decades.

Speaking as a motorcyclist who uses Oregon roadways on a regular basis, and who has experienced lane sharing/splitting first hand on my trips to California, I cannot speak highly enough of the increase to my feeling of safety on a shared roadway, as well as the decrease in traffic, and time on the road (factors in collisions) that was afforded by having the ability to use more of the practical surface of the roads.

I am urging you to support this bill in Oregon both for my safety, and the safety of my fellow riders, but also for the mutual gain to all road users.

Thank you