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To: Joint Committee on Transportation

From: Chris Henry; Chair  
Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety

Subject: Senate Bill 574

The Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety (Committee) is a Governor-appointed eight-member committee charged with focusing its efforts on rider education, drinking and impaired riding, road hazards unique to motorcycles, motorists' awareness of motorcycles, sharing the road and other safety issues. It advises the Governor and the Governor's Highway Safety Representative regarding motorcycle safety issues and on legislation that is in the best interest of the Oregon transportation system users.

The Committee solicited and received written public comment regarding Senate Bill 574 prior to its meeting on January 21, 2021, and solicited and received written public comment prior to its February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Committee also accepted the offer of two of Senate Bill 574's chief sponsors (Senator Dembrow and Representative Post) to provide bill overview and address Committee questions during the February meeting. The Committee also received verbal public comment at the February meeting from proponents of Senate Bill 574.

The Committee met virtually with seven of the eight members present. The Committee listened to and sincerely appreciated the Legislators' attendance, presentations, and willingness to address our questions. We also appreciated the verbal and written comments that were provided for consideration in the review of Senate Bill 574 – as it provided members with additional perspectives from many of the riders that we represent in Oregon.

On February 25, 2021, following Committee member-led discussion and questions of guest speakers and committee liaisons, a vote was called for 'in favor of' supporting the bill. The vote failed due to a lack of a majority of Committee quorum present voicing support. A second vote was called, with the Committee casting a majority number of votes to remain neutral on Senate Bill 574 (six votes in favor of remaining neutral and one vote against remaining neutral).

The Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety is neutral on Senate Bill 574.