

I am an Oregon motorcyclist, and I respectfully request your YES vote on Senate Bill 574. Not only would the passing of this bill help to alleviate Portland's increasing traffic and congestion problems, it would make riding a motorcycle safer. I've personally witnessed vehicles rear ending motorcycles stopped in traffic and believe that if the motorcyclist was allowed to legally ride between stopped cars and ahead of already stopped or slow moving vehicles it would lower the risk of getting hit while stopped. The best defense on a motorcycle is a good offensive approach to riding. I believe that having the option to legally ride around and away from potentially distracted drivers would prove to create a safer riding experience for motorcyclists in Oregon. I believe the passing of this bill would make motorcyclists less vulnerable. Thank you.