

Having 15 years of motorcycling experience, and nearly 10 years living in Portland, I can say with certainty that Senate Bill 574 will be beneficial for Oregonians. As our population density across the state increases, the need for more creative solutions to traffic and mobility become ever more critical.

I have ridden in several places that allow lane splitting: Mexico, Guatemala, and California among others. In each of these places, lane splitting was an effective mode of moving through traffic during periods of intense congestion. When outside of urban areas I rarely, if ever, lane split.

The urban areas of Eugene, Portland, and Salem would benefit most from this bill, and I doubt that lane splitting would occur in areas without congestion.

I urge the Senate to pass this bill. It will reduce congestion and encourage more people to use more energy efficient transportation.