

Dear Oregon State Legislature House Committee,

I am writing to request your support of SB574 to legalize lane sharing.

As a motorist who spends a good deal time on the Oregon roads in an automobile & also a motorcycle, I believe SB574 would help to reduce the traffic congestion issues in the larger cities in Oregon (that only continue to get worse).

The way SB574 is drafted allows a very safe means for drivers of a motorcycle or moped to share the lane and decrease congestion (as well as allow safer passage of the rider due to lower risk of being rear ended in stop-and-go traffic). The bill states that traffic must be moving 10 mph or less, and that the motorcyclists may only "filter" at a speed 10 mph greater than the speed of traffic. This is a prudent and safe way to filter in traffic.

In addition to my combined 10 years residence in Oregon, I have also recently spent 4 years living in San Diego, CA where lane sharing is legal and endorsed by the California Highway Patrol. I have experienced first-hand the benefits of lane sharing -- It does help to relieve traffic congestion.

The support of SB574 is a great step to help relieve traffic congestion on Oregon roads.

Thanks for your time and I hope you can vote YES on SB574

Regards,
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