

Hello, I'd like to submit my testimony.

I'm live out near the city of North Plains, and I commute on highway 26, 217, i5, and i84 on both motorcycles and motor scooters. As we all know, traffic is horrendous on all of those highways and interstates most times of the day. I don't foresee traffic getting better on those roads either. My greatest concern for myself when I'm riding on a moto is being rear ended from behind...whether I'd be from attentive drivers who don't leave enough space to stop in time, to inattentive drivers who are preoccupied with their texting.

Being able to share a lane when the traffic is very slow would be much safer for me in stop and go traffic. It would keep me more visible to traffic, and away from potential harm. And no, I have absolutely zero desire to "whip in and out of traffic" like a crazy person in order to get further ahead of the car next to me. Many moto riders are portrayed as renegades who like to take unnecessary risks by lane splitting between cars at high rates of speed, but that isn't the case. I simply enjoy my commute on my motorcycle, and I want it to be as safe as possible for myself and those around me.

Another benefit to lane sharing is that it will help to alleviate the overall traffic for everyone, both motorcycle and car. I know that if the lane sharing bill is accepted, more motorcyclists will make the choice to commute on a moto as well...which would alleviate traffic even more. And more motorcyclists commuting means that it would free up more parking spaces in downtown Portland. All of what I have stated is from having first hand experience and knowledge from the past 20+ years of commuting in Oregon. Please consider voting for lane sharing for my safety as well as alleviating traffic problems.

Thank you for your time,  
John Golden