

I have been a street bike rider for over 10 years. I am a graduate of many motorcycle safety training classes including the Team Oregon Advanced Riding class. I take rider safety and training very seriously. When I made my first trip to California my riding partners were excited about lane filtering. I told them I didn't want to do it because it was too dangerous. Coming up behind slow traffic and seeing the cars move apart so we could go through gave me a different perspective. Lane filtering is very safe and used throughout most of the world to increase traffic with a lower environmental footprint than a car. Many people confuse lane filtering with the unsafe practice of riding at high speeds through slower traffic. That is dangerous and is done by riders with no concern for safety or the law. This law or any law won't change that behavior. . This bill allows motorcycle riders to continue to move at a safe and responsible speed when traffic slow on I5. Many times I have been stuck in the heat on I5 to the point my bike is close to overheating and I am becoming fatigued. If I could move through the traffic, even at only 10 MPH faster, it would be a huge benefit. Please consider that if this passes, more people will ride motorcycles. Motorcycles have a tiny environmental footprint compared to cars. This will reduce emissions and increase traffic on existing roads without building new roads. Thank you for all of your hard work. Please pass SB574.