

Hello,

I support SB 574. I want to start off by saying I have lived in Utah while commuting by motorcycle and the State of Utah has very recently passed a lane sharing bill that has worked very well in that state with the SUPPORT and EDUCATION to the public of the new law being changed. People must be made aware that if this was to pass then people need to be informed of new behavior by motorcycle users. First the safety of the rider is of utmost importance. With this bill being passed motorcycle users can feel safer by filtering between stopped cars and not risk being rear ended by distracted drivers. With Oregon's common rainfall visibility only amplifies this scenario.

For me personally traffic is an absolute problem between Portland and Scappoose as well as other urban areas of course. With the passage of SB 574 motorcycles will be able to filter between cars and be less of a problem for traffic congestion as well as being a better viable option to commute using less gas per mile.

The lane sharing bill prohibits lane splitting on highway speeds in the state of Utah which I believe is a very good compromise on this issue and should be seriously considered in this bill as well. Also lane sharing in the state of Utah requires the vehicles that the motorcycle is sharing lanes with to be going 15mph or under effectively meaning for coming up to a stop light. If the motorcycle is in between lanes while the light is going green then the motorcycle user must filter back into a lane until the next stop light/sign.

Please consider this for the safety and effective usage of our roads for Motorcycle users. Thank you.