

Committee Members,
Please support SB574.

I have been a motorcycle rider for over 28 years. I commuted daily for 10 years (between 60 and 75 miles per day mostly) in California, and found "lane sharing" to be safe and efficient. The bill at hand, while not the same as the California rules, will be progress in the work to ease congestion, commute times, and alleviate air pollution.

I currently do not commute by motorcycle because of the lack of support for the practice of lane filtering and the safety risks involved in sitting exposed among large vehicles stopping and starting erratically. Filtering makes use of the safe space between lanes of large vehicles and allows traffic to move. At safe speed differentials as this bill describes, the motorcyclist's safety is greatly increased.

Thank you,
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