

Today, I'm writing to ask for your support on SB574, which would allow motorcycle filtering on roads with speed limits greater than 50 mph. As a frequent motorcycle commuter and member of a broader community of motorcyclists in Oregon, passage of this bill would help make our commute faster, safer, and more economical. One of the biggest threats that motorcyclists face is being hit from behind in stopped traffic. That inevitably results in serious injury, potential death, and destruction of the motorcycle. See: <https://www.kgw.com/article/news/local/motorcyclist-dies-after-being-hit-from-behind-in-oregon-city/442588491>

To remain mobile in this age of distracted drivers and urban congestion would help to alleviate this potential threat. Additionally, motorcycle engines, both liquid and air cooled, are dependent upon air being fed through the radiator, which is effected by forward motion. Potential maintenance issues and engine damage can be alleviated by moving through traffic, instead of remaining stationary. It goes almost without saying that less time operating the vehicle to reach your destination results in a lowered emission of greenhouse gases, as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration,