

Safety. Safety is why I encourage you to support SB574. A motorcyclist allowed to lane share, as described in SB574, has the ability to move out of main travel lane and avoid a potential rear end collision. My first job working in the field as a roadway construction field engineer, my supervisor told me to never unnecessarily stand between a solid object (ex. guardrail) and vehicular traffic because of the risk of being killed. This bill allows a motorcyclist the option to not sit between a solid object (a stopped vehicle) and vehicular traffic approaching from behind.

The studies (Berkley Study for example) have been completed and the conclusions have shown that the severity of accidents involving motorcyclist are reduced when lane sharing is permitted. Early statistics in Utah have shown that motorcycle fatalities on roads permitting lane sharing have dropped by 70% since Utah law was changed to allow lane sharing effective Jan 1, 2019.

While I do not think there is any other reason needed than reducing the severity of injury or deaths, lane sharing also has the benefit of reducing congestion and lowering emissions with almost zero capital expenditure.

By supporting this bill, you will save lives, help alleviate congestion and reduce vehicle emissions.

Please support SB574. The lives of motorcyclists and the friends and families that love them depend on it.