

I am writing to encourage you to support SB574.

As a 20year plus Oregonian and a motorcycle rider I support SB574 and hope you will too. I was a member of Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety's Subcommittee on Lane Sharing in 2019.

I feel this legislation will do much to improve the safety of ridding motorcycles on Oregon's Highways.

My understanding is that SB574 would legalize lane sharing only on freeways and highways. SB574 is a commonsense way to allow motorcycles to "share the road" safely. SB574 doesn't jeopardize bicycle or pedestrian safety because of the way SB574 is written.

A great quote I read sums up my belief on this legislation:

"There's no data about whether or not lane sharing increases or decreases the likelihood of accident, under the conditions outlined in SB574. Even the Berkeley Study explicitly states that it doesn't have the right kind of data to draw a conclusion either way, and it's the largest motorcycle crash study ever conducted in the U.S. I have to remind people that their 'hunch' that lane sharing is dangerous doesn't mean it's a fact."

I conclude by again asking you to consider and support SB574.

Thank you

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