

Dear Committee reviewing SB 574,

I respectfully request your support of SB574. I have ridden a motorcycle for 5 years, but I also am a pedestrian, a car driver, and a road bike rider so I feel that I have a holistic view. I am a low risk individual. On the surface, lane splitting sounds unsafe, but I have realized while doing it in neighboring states that it is well structured. When doing it only when traffic slows, and only to the immediate right of the left most lane, and only slightly faster than the car traffic, it is rather safe. It is great for traffic reduction, and once enacted will encourage more people to commute by bike for the time savings, which will give more capacity to the highways and reduce fuel consumption. Personally, my motorcycle hates sitting in traffic. It is a little over 20 years old, and starts to overheat when it sits still and doesn't have the moving air to cool it. I have had to shut it off in traffic before because of this. Not a reason to change the law, but just a personal anecdote.

Thank you