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I am a motorcyclist. Please support SB422.

With the increased traffic and movement in the last few years in the Portland metro area and surrounding cities, a move to open lane sharing to Oregon Motorcyclist can help remove some congestion from our roadways and allow motorcyclist to avoid or move away out of the path of drivers that could be perceived as a danger or distracted to the rider. A large percentage of motorcycle accidents involve distracted driving and rear end collisions. The Department of Transportatio's National Highway Safety Administration even conducted a study (found here, <https://www.iii.org/fact-statistic/facts-statistics-motorcycle-crashes>) that 22% of most motorcycle fatalities happen between the hours of 3 pm and 6 pm. Back to the first point, during traffic/rush hours, which seem to run between 2pm to 6pm these days, vehicles are moving very slowly, drivers are inattentive and easily distracted. This poses a direct threat to motorcyclists even if they have to drive behind them. I ask that this senate committee works with oregon motorcyclist to pave a safe method of riding that can help prevent a loss of life.