

## Testimony in support of SB 422

I strongly support motorcycle lane sharing and SB 422 for the reason of well documented "selective attention" phenomenon in drivers. This phenomenon is frequently argued in courts when motorcyclists, cyclists and pedestrians get, seemingly inexplicably, hit by cars. "Selective attention" is directly relevant to potential harm which SB 422 seeks to relieve.

"Selective attention" is a real neurological phenomenon - this is how our eye and brain process visual information. Drivers due to "selective attention" are a constant threat to motorcyclists in slow and "stop and go" traffic. Obeying current law, motorcyclists sitting at a standstill between cars, get injured or killed, by being rear ended and crushed between two cars. When questioned, motorists frequently claim that they did not see the motorcycle in front of them. Because of "selective attention" phenomenon, motorcycle becomes "invisible" to drivers not expecting to encounter anything that does not resemble a big, square metal box on wheels between their car and the one they are following.

As an aside, motorcycles and scooters are an underutilised mode of transportation in Oregon. A more widespread use of motorcycles, particularly in urban areas, would translate to less gasoline consumption, less air pollution and less congestion. At least 4 motorcycles can be parked in one car parking space. All would benefit, should lane sharing law provide incentive for some to switch from four wheels to two.

Thank you for your consideration

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