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I am a life long motorcyclist. I lived in CA before moving to OR. So I grew up lane sharing on CA roadways for over 40 years before moving to OR, and even after that I commuted by motorcycle to CA (A Start up company in Brisbane, CA) twice a month, except winter months where I left a bike in CA, for many years. In that way I continued to ride a motorcycle in a state with legal lane sharing for most of my life. Riding safely during this practice is no more dangerous than any other motorcycle riding. For riders, it is a way to exploit the small foot print of the machine to move faster than stalled traffic, making it a useful machine for that purpose. Many studies, including those by the CA Highway Patrol have shown that properly done it is a actually a way to aid in cutting down traffic as it takes the individual bike out of the stalled line up. Further it is a much safer way for the motorcyclist to coexist with the larger vehicles in crowded hiway conditions as it goes a long way to help avoid the issue of being hit from behind by cars in stop and go traffic which may be a fender bender for a car, but will be catastrophic for a motorcyclist. Meanwhile, motorcyclists lane sharing safely and within safe speed parameters in no way impede or endanger motorists in cars or trucks.

I have been riding and lane sharing for over 60 years safely and without an accident and doing my bit to help in bringing down traffic jams! I sincerely hope you will consider this bill in aid of both those ends... motorcycle safety, and helping with traffic (Every bike lane sharing is one less in a traffic jam). Thank you in advance for you kind consideration of this issue.