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As a motorcyclist I support SB 422. The ability of motorcyclists to ride between lanes of traffic that are moving at less than 10mph, and in the same direction, will improve safety for the motorcyclist substantially. By riding between lanes of slow moving traffic the motorcyclist is less likely to be rear-ended by following traffic who may come upon a major slow down and not register it in time to avoid a collision. It will also reduce discomfort and possible medical distress to the rider who is stuck in inclement weather, be it pouring rain or high temperatures, while sitting still in gridlocked traffic. Mechanical breakdown will also be avoided as a motorcycle in motion is less likely to overheat than one that is sitting still at idle in high temperature situations. I do not condone lane splitting at full highway speeds but given the language of this bill and the conditions laid out therein I think it would be a benefit to Oregon's motorcyclists.