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Senator Floyd Prozanski, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
900 Court St. NE, S-413
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I am writing to oppose passage of Senate Bill 422 regarding motorcycle lane filtering.

My name is Michele O'Leary. I was the Motorcycle Safety Program Manager at ODOT from 2004-2015. I am currently retired and living in Eugene. My stated opposition is my own.

Senate Bill 422 has two especially problematic components:

- Provisions of the legislation are difficult to enforce. Law enforcement will not be able to discern the complete picture of this maneuver in order to enforce it. I encourage the committee to invite law enforcement to testify about the ramifications of this legislation.
- There is no public information and/or communication components to educate both motorcyclists and car/truck/cmv drivers about how to safely allow motorcyclists to lane filter. Without public education the non-motorcycle driving public will not know to look for motorcyclists filtering.

Based on my expertise I believe motorcycle injuries and fatalities would increase if this legislation is passed.