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Hello! My name is Ryan Chandler and as an Oregon resident who has a squeaky clean license I wanna tell you why I support lane splitting. More specifically why I support lane filtering more than anything but most people don't know the difference. First off the difference between lane splitting and lane filtering is basically the speed and scenario you do it in. An example of lane filtering could be at a red light and less than 10-15 mph while most of the traffic is slowly moving or stoped. I've been almost rear ended on my bike too many times to count simply sitting at a red light and someone pulling up isn't paying attention or on a phone ect. Lane filtering works GREAT for the safety of bikers, so long as we filter to the front where cars are already stoped and no doubt will see us, the chance of being hit from the rear is completely nullified. Lane splitting however is typically more on a highway such as Redmond to bend, im pretty neutral on this for two reasons. I'd be more than happy if BEND PD or REDMOND PD had some more presence on that highway because too many people like to go slow in BOTH lanes, im not talking the speed limit or near it but specifically people going as slow as 20 below the posted speed limit! And then they hold up traffic in BOTH lanes!! I'd be happy to see more police presence to pull people over who camp in the left lane without passing. But also I'd be happy to see lane splitting legalized because atleast this solves that issue on my motorcycle. People who are gonna do it illegally won't be stopped realistically and I see it all too often. But making it legal will no doubt help all traffic move faster. Less motorists directly impeding traffic in any way the better, and motorcycles are treated as cars and take up a full lane but allowing lane splitting will help motorcyclists specifically get to and from wherever they are going faster also meaning the road will have less motorists on it. There's detailed info online about how lane splitting and helping motorcyclists get to and from faster actually helps not only keep motorcycles safe but also allows traffic to move smoother.