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Hello everyone.

I would like to give a few examples of why I believe that lane sharing/splitting should be allowed in Oregon. I will be giving examples of instances of whereas a motorcycle rider I have been able to avoid being severely injured or killed by being able to lane share in areas where it is legal as well in areas where it has been not legalized.

1. I have had multiple instances in the state of Oregon where I had to maneuver my motorcycle to between vehicles to avoid being smashed between cars due to inattentive drivers. The ability to move between vehicles has saved me from serious injury or possibly being killed.
2. In the states that already allow lane sharing I have been waved past motorists with a few of them telling me that they felt safer with me ahead of them due to the reduced size of a motorcycle.
3. Temperature, I have ridden my motorcycle in temperatures ranging from 23f-119f. The higher temperatures can be deadly to a motorcyclist whose only option to cool off is to keep moving. We are all aware that the temperatures in Oregon have been exceedingly high lately if a motorcyclist does not have the ability to move through traffic in these temperatures the chance of heat stroke is a possibility.
4. Environmental impact. My only other vehicle that I own is a pickup. If I commute to work in my pickup, I get about 15mpg. My motorcycle averages 45mpg. Also, my pickup weighs about 7,500lbs my motorcycle weighs 550lbs thereby reducing the impact on the road surfaces.
5. Traffic congestion. A recent study from Belgium looked at the impact of commuters using motorcycles instead of cars on their commutes and travels. It found that if motorcycle ridership was increased from 3% to 10% it would reduce traffic congestion by 40%. Something that everyone can agree on.
6. Bike lanes. In all states the addition of bike lanes has significantly reduced the number of accidents and fatalities to bicyclists. Lane sharing /lane splitting can and will do the same for a motorcyclist.
7. To many motorcyclists have been killed in Oregon, if this bill is passed many studies have shown that those fatalities will significantly be reduced. We have seen the positive impact of the measures taken for cyclists in Oregon {bike lanes} make an impact on reducing fatalities in the cycling community hopefully a motorcyclist's life will matter too.

Thank you.