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As a father, motorcyclist, and bicyclist, this bill greatly effects me. Recent studies have shown the benefits of lane filtering, safety and efficiency, and I believe it's time for Oregon to take the lead on this issue. Portland has a much large number of commuters on motorcycles and scooters compared to other American cities. A UC-Berkeley study found accidents while lane splitting were half as likely incur head injuries or fatalities. This is mostly from reduced risk of rear end collisions from distracted drivers when motorcycles are stopped at an intersection or in traffic. Moreover, traffic in the Portland and Salem areas is increasing exponentially. It is obvious that filtering reduces traffic. We could expect more people to commute on motorcycles and scooters if filtering were legal, thereby reducing traffic congestion even more.