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All those opposed to this bill should take a "Team Oregon" motorcycle endorsement course. If they did they would learn that the most important aspect to motorcycle safety is VISIBILITY. Viability can be improved by the choice of clothing a rider wears, but the fact is that motorists are not looking for riders. It is proven that the ability to lane split reduces the odds of a motorist rear ending a motorcyclist. Senate Bill 574 (SB574) was a widely popular bill, gaining many business sponsors, the testimony of over 600 Oregon riders, as well as bipartisan support from Oregon lawmakers. Gov. Kate Brown once again used her power of veto to override the people's choice. Oregon citizens do not need a worried parent making decisions for them. Most countries in the world allow lane splitting because they see the benefits from such a choice. Is lane splitting always safe? No, but it should be a choice a rider can legally make in a split second to save their life. As a rider, I urge Oregon law makers to keep pushing for motorcyclists to be given the ability to make their own safety decisions by giving us the legal right to split lanes.