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The passing of this law is critical to the health and safety of motorcyclists in Oregon, especially with its growing population and traffic congestion, our highways and freeways were not built to handle today's traffic so we get congestion and backups.

This presents two critical hazards (amongst many) which are:

1. A risk of rear-end impact from an inattentive or distracted driver at times of slow , stop-and-go or slinky effected traffic.
2. Heat stroke or heat exhaustion during warmer days, and increase by the radiant heat rising upwards from the motorcycles engine.

Safely executed lane splitting within moderately low speeds would allow the rider to eliminate the risk of being rear-ended, AND greatly reduce the chances of a heat related medical emergency by allowing evaporative cooling of the skin/body, and redirect the engines heat towards the back of the bike.

Formerly as a Firefighter/EMT I had responded to many calls involving motorcycles being rear-ended in stop-and-go or slinky traffic, as well with heat related medical emergencies, often times when that traffic is still backed up. Also as an avid and experienced motorcyclist I have experienced those same incidences that I have written about, and plead for your consideration of passing this bill for everyone's safety.