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I am in full support of this bill. In 2012 I was riding my 1985 yamaha maxim on i5 in Salem. Traffic had come to a stop and I was waiting for everyone to start moving again. At 3:06pm 07/19/2012 I was hit from behind by a vehicle who "didn't see me". I broke both of my hips and my back in this collision. I luckily am able to continue riding but it took over 5 years for me to get back onto a bike. I have lost 2 friends from being rear-ended since my wreck and an uncle was put in the hospital after he was rear ended in Portland. This bill will save lives if it is passed. Every day I watch people staring at their phones in slow traffic whole not paying attention to who or what is in front of them. If it wasn't for rising the shoulder while traffic is stopped, I would likely be dead right now. I have had many close calls with cars coming up from behind me and have so far been able to avoid the collision. The vehicle in front of me on numerous occasions was not so lucky. The problem with rear end collisions is that in a car, it's more of an inconvenience with minor injuries typically. On a bike it is deadly. Please pass this bill so myself and other motorcycle riders don't have to continue breaking the law just to stay safe and alive.