

Submitter: Michael Friend
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: SB422

Dear Joint Committee On Transportation,

Thank you for consideration of this important legislation for motorcyclists, motorists, and our congested highways. This bill is very conservative when it comes to conditions when a motorcyclist may opt to lane share. Speeds are so slow that safety is greatly enhanced. As a motorcyclist I am concerned about rear-end collisions and therefore lane sharing takes that concern away. Studies show that lane sharing is far safer than not sharing lanes. Beyond the safety aspect is the potential of motorcyclists leaving their four-wheeled vehicles at home and opting to commute by motorcycle. This will reduce congestion. An added benefit is that since motorcycles pollute less than a passenger vehicle or a truck there is an environmental advantage as well. I urge you to please support and pass this legislation through with a "Do-Pass" recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

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