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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3542

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 3542, which proposes to allow motorcycle operators to travel between lanes of traffic under certain conditions. As a long time motorcycle enthusiast and a concerned citizen, I believe this bill will significantly enhance road safety and traffic efficiency in Oregon.

Motorcycle lane sharing has been successfully implemented in several states and countries, demonstrating its benefits in reducing traffic congestion and improving safety for motorcyclists. By allowing motorcycles to navigate between lanes, we can alleviate traffic bottlenecks, especially during peak hours, and reduce the risk of rear-end collisions, which are a common hazard for motorcyclists stuck in slow-moving traffic. Every day as people are increasingly distracted by devices while they drive, this risk is significant greater for motorcyclists in traffic.

Furthermore, HB3542 includes provisions to increase penalties for unlawful passing in a lane with a vehicle, ensuring that motorcycle lane sharing is conducted responsibly and safely. The bill proposes a maximum fine of \$2,000 for violations, which will serve as a strong deterrent against reckless behavior and promote adherence to traffic laws.

In conclusion, I urge the committee to support HB3542 and help make our roads safer and more efficient for all users. Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,
Dylan Steeb