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For the safety of motorcyclists on Oregon roads, I strongly support HB 3542.

Each year, more and more people are driving distracted on our public roads. We can't trust drivers behind us to stop.

What is often a minor fender bender between cars/trucks can be a deadly or life altering accident for motorcyclists.

Please let motorcyclists be responsible for their own safety and decide when it's safe to split lanes. We let car/truck drivers make similar decisions every day: With right turns on red, passing in oncoming traffic lanes, and driving around left-turning vehicles. Its normal to give authority to vehicle operators to enter the space reserved for other road users when safe to do so, and most of those other places we let it happen don't have the safety benefits for vulnerable road users that lane splitting does.

Sincerely yours,

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