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I am an avid motorcyclist riding since 1970 and support passage of HB 3542. My research and riding experience convinced me that lane sharing as authorized in the proposed bill will save lives and reduce congestion. Research shows that the severity of motorcycle injuries from lane sharing accidents are much less severe than when a motorcyclist is struck from the rear by inattentive or distracted drivers. When riding in Germany and Italy I found it common legal practice for cars to allow lane sharing in congested traffic. As of 2024, California allows full lane splitting; Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Jersey, and Utah allow lane filtering under specific conditions. Oregon should join this national trend to save lives!