

# Senate Bill 850

Sponsored by Senators BEYER, BURDICK

## SUMMARY

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Creates offense of failure to keep vehicle out of far left lane. Punishes by maximum fine of \$1,000.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to traffic offenses.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2013 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle**  
5 **Code.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a person commits the**  
7 **offense of failure to keep a vehicle out of the far left lane if the person is operating a vehicle**  
8 **and the person drives the vehicle in the far left lane on a roadway that has two or more**  
9 **lanes for traffic proceeding in a single direction.**

10 **(2) Unless prohibited under ORS 809.235, a person may drive in the far left lane:**

11 **(a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle that is proceeding in the same direction**  
12 **under the rules governing this movement in ORS 811.410 to 811.425, when the movement can**  
13 **be made without interfering with the passage of other vehicles.**

14 **(b) When preparing to turn left.**

15 **(c) When reasonably necessary in response to emergency conditions.**

16 **(d) To avoid traffic that is moving into the right lane from an acceleration or merging**  
17 **lane.**

18 **(e) When necessary to follow traffic control devices that direct use of a lane other than**  
19 **the right lane or a middle lane, if any.**

20 **(f) When the flow of traffic is moving at a slower speed than is normal at the time and**  
21 **place and under the conditions then existing.**

22 **(3) The offense described in this section, failure to keep a vehicle out of the far left lane,**  
23 **is a Class B traffic violation.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.