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TO: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

FROM: Robert Reichenberg, Chair
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RE: Senate Bill 878

Introduction

SB 878 allows a motorcycle operator to stand astride their motorcycle.

Discussion

The Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety (GAC-MS) is a committee of eight volunteer citizens who advise the Governor and the Governor's Highway Safety Representative on motorcycle safety issues and legislation.

As motorcyclists we know that speed bumps, potholes and similar road conditions require us to stand up on the foot pegs to maintain balance and control of the motorcycle.

There are also situations when we need to stand up on the foot pegs in order to see a hazard to the side or ahead of us.

SB 878 is well drafted and does not appear to allow stunt, trick or daredevil riding.

Conclusion

The GAC-MS reviews legislation that could affect motorcycle safety in Oregon. We promote the safety of all traffic users and SB 878 appears to be positive legislation for Oregon motorcyclists. Consequently, we ask the Committee to support SB 878.