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Re: SB 694A support

Please allow motorcycle lane sharing in the limited conditions outlined in this bill. In over 10 years of riding a motorcycle, my only injuries were when I was hit from behind by a 93 year old driver when I stopped for an accident. It's only by sheer luck I wasn't killed. The ability to move out of the rear position truly feels much safer on a motorcycle. Can you imagine expecting a bicyclist to do that?

Also, I've been overwhelmed by the heat when I was stopped on I-5 in 95 degree weather. Just the ability to move through at 10-20 mph is a great relief. Remember there is no air-conditioning on a motorcycle.

For safety and because of the above risks, I avoid riding my motorcycle on the freeway in Oregon. I have experienced lane sharing in California, and found it was a relief to be able to move slowly through stopped traffic and limit my exposure to being rear-ended or overheated.

Thank you for your consideration.

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