

Chair McKeown and Members of the House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development,

Please support SB 694A. Lane filtering for motorcyclists during times of high congestion has multiple benefits, including: reducing congestion during worst times, improving utilization of existing transportation infrastructure, reducing emissions and can help reduce the chance of rear-end collisions for motorcyclists.

The potential issues of increased collisions of motorcyclists and cars is negligible at best: as currently worded, the law limits speed to speeds comparable to bicyclists riding in traffic and that is not seen as a problem. Motorcyclists have more training and are required to wear more protective gear than bicyclists, greatly mitigating any potential issue.

Oregon has a chance to lead from the front for creating a law to let motorcyclists reduce congestion, reduce emissions and potentially reduce crashes.

Sincerely,
Matthew Mayer