

TESTIMONY FOR PUBLIC HEARING

House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development

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RE: SB 694 – Motorcycle Lane Filtering

My name is Zachary Hull, and I have been a motorcyclist for 25 years. I am a founder of the SFRC, a non-profit motorcycle group, and a former Chair of the Portland Mayor's Motorcycle and Scooter Advisory Committee.

I am also an Oregon native, a small business owner, and a commuter. Over the last 25 years, Oregon and the Willamette Valley in particular has become an increasingly desirable location, leading to categorical growth. We see it in our growing property values; we see it in our population growth; and we see it in the significant growth in traffic volume and congestion. These growth trends are predicted to continue into the foreseeable future.

Congestion brings challenges to commuters, employers, common carriers and the environment. These challenges range from lifestyle sacrifices, lost production time, increased costs of goods and services and, notably, health and safety.

SB 694 provides a virtually zero cost element of what will necessarily be a complex and multi-channel solution. SB 694 irrefutably incentivizes alternate transportation, lowers wait times, eases congestion, lowers CO2 emissions, and improves motorcyclist safety.

SB 694 will not clearly not solve the challenges we face as a growing state, but it is an economic, actionable and safe piece of the puzzle. I am here today to urge you to recommend passage of SB 694.