

Representative Jeff Barker
Chair, House Judiciary Committee

March 6, 2017

RE: HB 2598

Dear Chair Barker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Zander McHade. I am writing you to support HB 2598. On April 6, 2014, I was riding my motorcycle in Mehama, Oregon when I slowed to make a left turn while using my turn signal when a car struck me from behind throwing me 45 feet and onto the pavement. When I was hit I was wearing a bright hi-vis helmet and a bright hi-vis vest.

As a result, I sustained injuries to my back, right hip, and right shoulder, including a shoulder tear that required surgery. As a result, I have a permanent injury in my shoulder that will affect me for the rest of my life.

The driver who struck me from behind admitted that he was on his cell phone when he struck me which I think was reckless and without regard to my safety or the safety of other road users. The driver left the scene in his car with a ticket for following too closely and driving while on his cell phone and was fined \$210. I ended up in the hospital.

As a rider I do all that I can to ride safely and make sure that I am seen by other road users, but there is nothing that I can do to be seen my drivers who are on or looking at their cell phone. When drivers decide to use their cell phones while driving they are making a decision and they should be held accountable for the consequences of that decision. I urge you to support HB 2598 and hold reckless drivers accountable when they injure riders or their passengers.

Thank you,

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