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SB 385 – LANE SHARING

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Chair Floyd Prozanski
Senate Committee on Judiciary
900 Court Street NE
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Chair Prozanski and Members of the Committee,

Since I am not able to testify in person, I wanted to ensure my support for SB 385 is on the record. After serving 29 years with the Oregon State Police, I can't tell you the amount of motorcycle crashes I have investigated that could have been prevented if lane-sharing was available to legally practice in Oregon.

SB 385 is restricted to multiple lanes with traffic flow that is 10 miles an hour or less, and only allows the motorcycle operator to share lanes with traffic at a speed no greater than 20 miles per hour.

UC Berkeley's 2015 study on the issue clearly indicates lane-sharing motorcyclists are injured much less frequently during their collisions, not to mention the likelihood of serious life altering injuries drops in percentage as well.

SB 385 is a step in the right direction in giving motorcyclists the tools they need to better protect themselves on the road and improve safety practices for all vehicles.

Should you have any questions, I'm happy to provide further information. Thank you for taking the time to hear this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Andy Olson