

SB 385

- ✓ Relieves traffic congestion
- ✓ Improves motorcycle safety



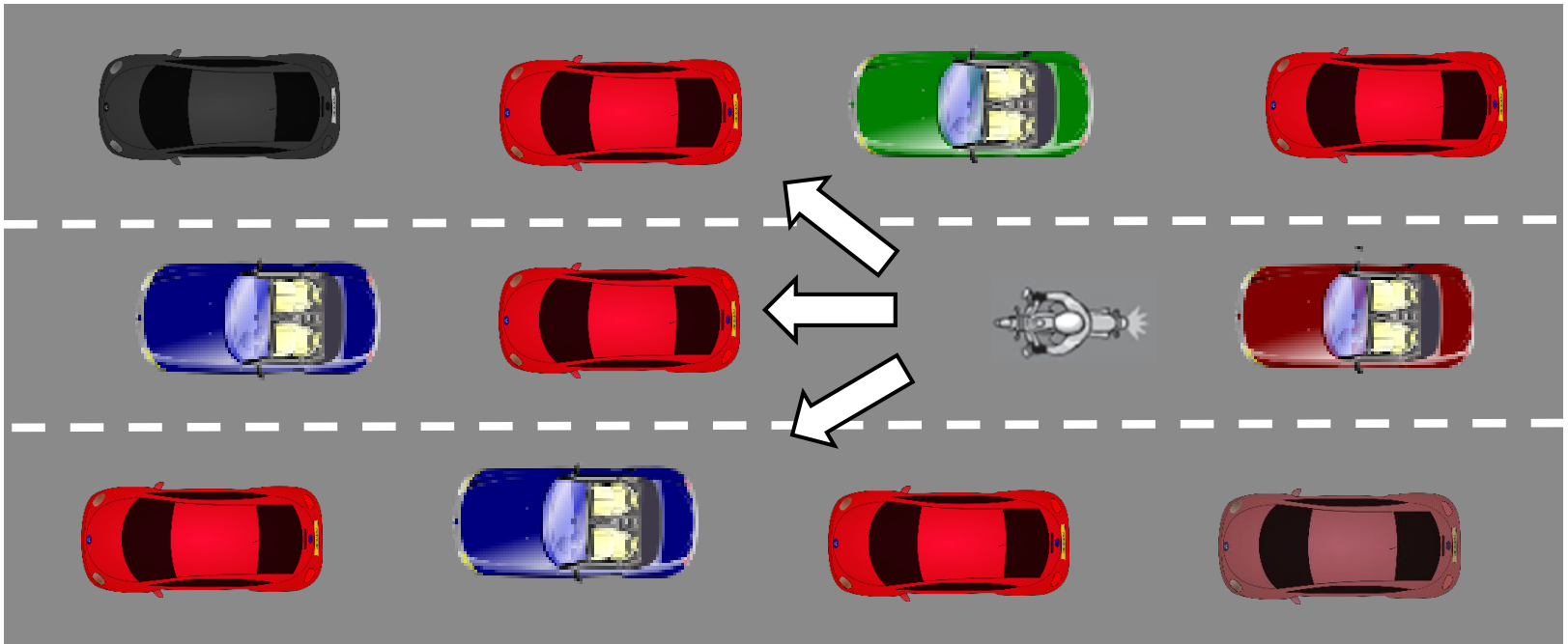
Legal lane splitting = Safe lane splitting

*“There’s a safe way to do it, and an unsafe way to do it...Most notably, it **allows motorcyclists to drive defensively** in congested traffic to avoid being rear-ended. However, **lack of information on how it should be done safely** means different people lane split under safe conditions while others lane split at high speeds with little regard for safety.”*

-- Bill Quirk, California Assemblymember, District 20

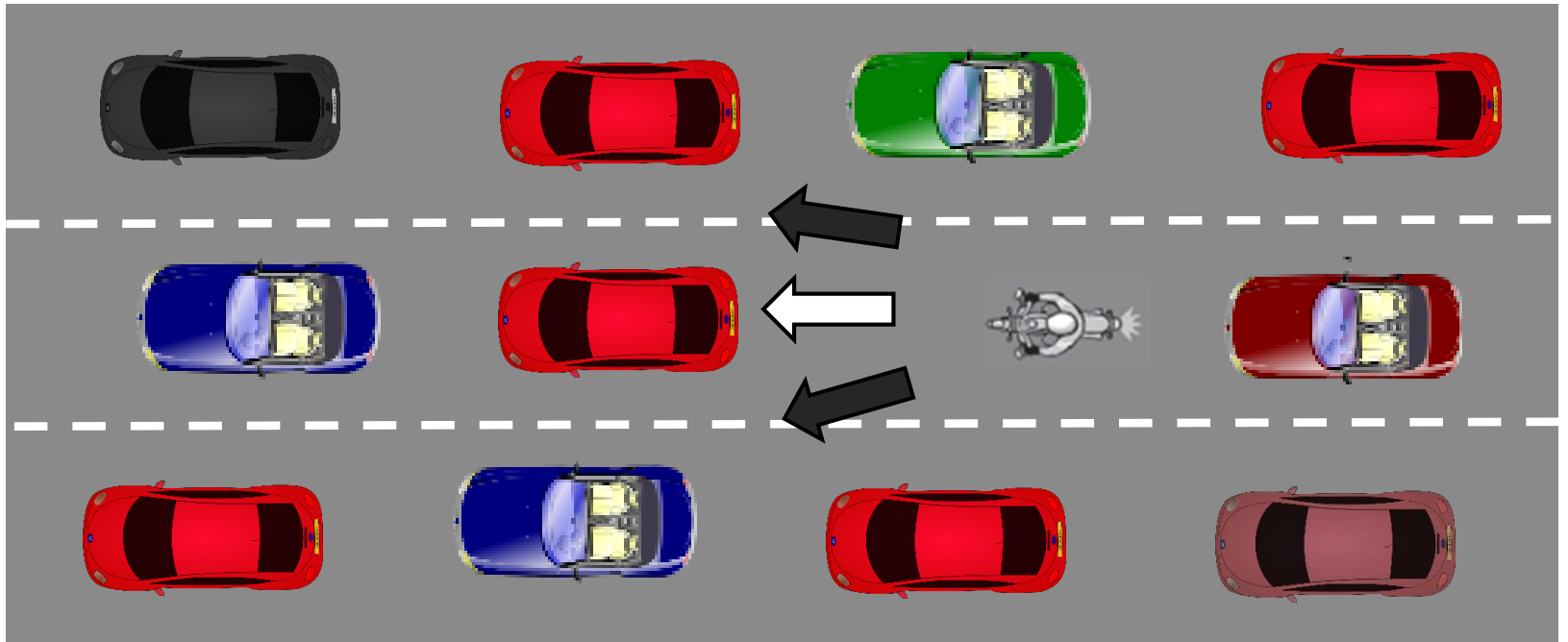
Escape Route

- Without SB 385, a rider has no escape route in stop & go situations
- Currently, safety instructors merely inform riders to check mirrors



Escape Route

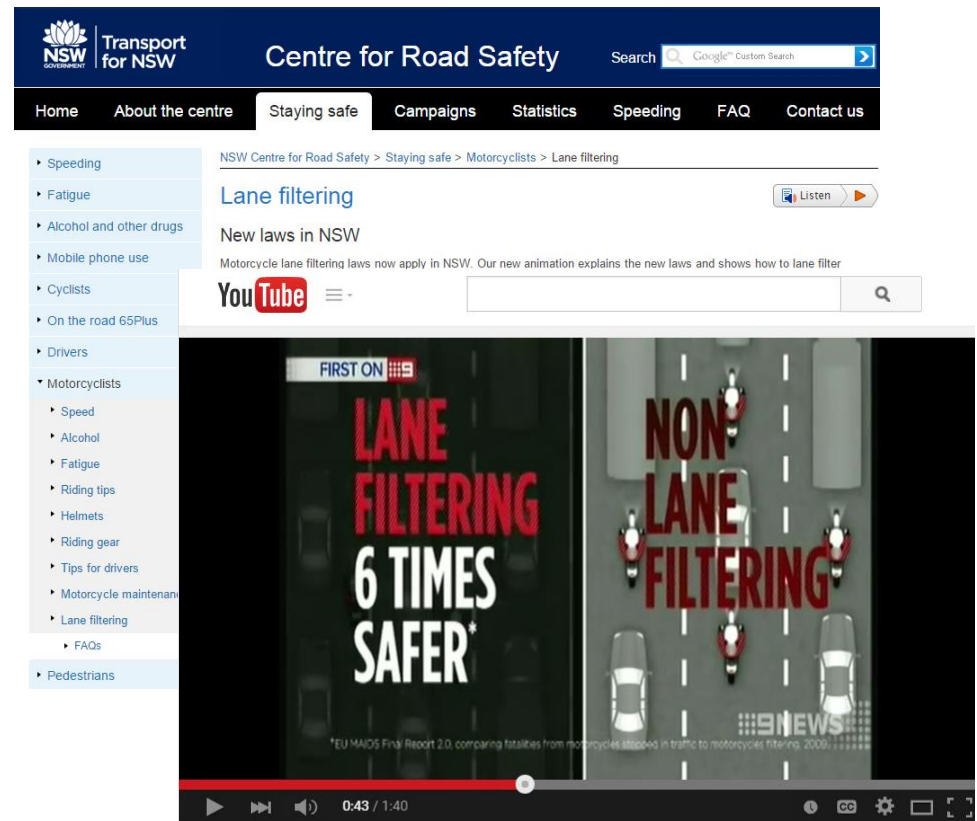
- SB 385 opens up new safer options at school zone speeds



Lane splitting legalization example

- New South Wales legalized lane splitting in July, 2014 to ease congestion
- Similar limits to SB 385 (30 kph or 18 mph)
- News coverage, websites and videos used to educate public, riders about new rules

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8oWmulSXP2w>



The screenshot shows the NSW Centre for Road Safety website. The header includes the NSW logo and 'Transport for NSW'. The main navigation bar has links for Home, About the centre, Staying safe (selected), Campaigns, Statistics, Speeding, FAQ, and Contact us. A search bar is located on the right. Below the navigation, there is a sidebar menu with categories like Speeding, Fatigue, Alcohol and other drugs, Mobile phone use, Cyclists, On the road 65Plus, Drivers, Motorcyclists, and Pedestrians. The 'Motorcyclists' category is expanded, showing sub-items like Speed, Alcohol, Fatigue, Riding tips, Helmets, Riding gear, Tips for drivers, Motorcycle maintenance, and Lane filtering. The main content area displays the title 'Lane filtering' and a sub-heading 'New laws in NSW'. Below this, there is a YouTube video player. The video player shows a video titled 'LANE FILTERING 6 TIMES SAFER' with a 'FIRST ON' badge. The video content shows a comparison between 'LANE FILTERING' and 'NON LANE FILTERING' with a 9NEWS logo. The video player controls show a progress bar at 0:43 / 1:40.

NEWS: Lane filtering legal in NSW from 1st July 2014
(Nine News 6pm, 26/2/14)

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Motorcycle lane-splitting coming to Oregon? Senate passes bill allowing it on highways



Shear"Ree, (front) head of Southern California Sport Bike Association, and Mark Russell, 17, go between cars on the southbound 405 in Long Beach on July 10, 2007. (Lori Shepler)

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Oregon appears to be on the verge of allowing motorcycle riders to escape highway gridlock by driving between long lines of idling cars.

Although lawmakers have for years introduced bills proposing Oregon join California as a lane-splitting state, the efforts have crashed and burned before they even revved up

But on Thursday the Senate, pushed by heavy



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Bill would let motorcyclists drive between cars

Senate's 18-10 vote on Thursday sends the measure to the House

By **Tim Becker and KOIN 6 News Staff**

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PROPOSED LANE SPLITTING LAW

Bill would let motorcyclists drive between cars

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- On roads where speed limit is 50 MPH+
- When traffic slows to 10 MPH or less
- Motorcycles not faster than 20 MPH

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Safe Lane splitting/filtering has public support

Oregonlive.com reader poll results (2015)

- 81.61% in favor (2,241 votes)
- Readers agree lane filtering will:
 - Thin congestion during rush hour
 - Make things safer for motorcyclists
 - Go a long way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Thank you for voting!

Yes. It's a good way to thin out congestion during rush hour and, with the increasing number of motorcyclists in Oregon, could go a long way in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from idling vehicles and making things safer for motorcyclists. **81.61%** (2,241 votes)

No. It's too dangerous and motorcyclists should have to observe the same rules as everyone else stuck in a traffic jam. **18.39%** (505 votes)

Total Votes: **2,746**

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The time is right for SB 385

- Traffic problems in Oregon are **only getting worse** with no long term solution in place – SB 385 will help
- Lane filtering will **improve rider safety** by providing an easy escape route in the most dangerous situations
- Oregonian readers support **SAFE** lane splitting
- The motorcycling community will **work hard to educate riders and drivers** about safe lane filtering requirements, advantages to all

