

House Committee on Judiciary

Chair Barker and members of the committee,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 34

SB 34 changes the law to require motorists move over a lane or slowdown 5 miles per hour below speed limit for any vehicle stopped and displaying warning or hazard lights, flares or an emergency sign on a highway shoulder.

Many motorists already do this as a matter of courtesy and safety. Driving the freeway frequently, this law would cause more accidents without saving any more lives. There is no grounds for this bill. ODOT testified with examples, however, they wouldn't have been prevented by this bill nor were their vehicles displaying hazard lights or emergency signs. They admitted that many motorists already show the courtesy by slowing. No statistics were presented for the number of accidents due to sudden braking, which this law will surely cause.

The measure also subject violators to a Class B traffic violation. This is a road trap that will cause more congestion.

Please vote no on SB 34.

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