



# **BikePAC** OF Oregon

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Thank You Chair Prozanski and members of the committee.

My name is Paula Leslie, Legislative Director for BikePAC of Oregon, Inc. BikePAC of Oregon represents ABATE of Oregon and all of Oregon's motorcycle riders. Our mission statement is to promote motorcycle safety, awareness, education, and liberty through legislative action. We work in coordination with Transportation safety stake holders to develop our legislative planning, which includes an Oregon Rider's Survey. We surveyed nearly 1000 Oregon riders, who chose driver accountability as their number 2 legislative concern.

Today we are asking for parity and accountability among road users. We are not asking to be labeled as "vulnerable road users" or to be put into a special class.

We ask you to consider carefully, the legalities involved in adding motorcycle riders to ORS 811.060, Oregon's vehicular assault statute, that currently protects bicyclists and pedestrians from reckless drivers, with a minimum offense of a class A misdemeanor imposed, when they knowingly and purposefully disregarding Oregon's traffic safety laws. Safety laws, that we as motorcycle riders, depend on to make it home to our families.