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First, thank you for taking the time to consider this bill. Whichever way it goes, I appreciate the hard work put in by all parties involved.

I am writing in support of HB2314.

As a motorcyclist, I can speak firsthand to the benefit of encouraging safe lane-sharing practices. Studies are proving lane-sharing/splitting to be safer than requiring motorcycles to stay in designated lanes while in traffic.

It has been 10-months since I was rear-ended on I-5 while sitting in traffic. I regularly commute to work on my motorcycle, especially when it's a nice day. I am the type of motorcyclist that sticks to "All the gear, all the time" as my rule of riding; when it's 100-degrees, I'm wearing full riding gear.

I was heading home from work in the Lloyd District of Portland, and traffic was at a standstill. As I sat and waited, I watched several motorcyclists riding on the shoulder to go around the cars. They were travelling around 20mph at most, not riding in a reckless manner. In looking at the shoulder, there are a lot of screws and road debris that would make it extremely dangerous to ride on at higher speeds.

When traffic started to move again, I started inching forward. My motorcycle is air cooled, and sometimes shuts off if I'm sitting at idle for too long. Just as my fan kicked onto its highest setting to avoid this, I was thrown off the bike and onto the shoulder. A car had rear-ended me. It was a fairly low speed impact (10-15mph) that resulted in scrapes, a lot of bruising, and the need for a new helmet. My motorcycle was a total loss, and the driver was uninsured.

I was left to use my car for a month while I tried to settle with the driver and find a replacement (much cheaper since my insurance did not pay out what the bike was worth). My monthly gas cost for commuting to work is \$240. When I ride a motorcycle, I can cut that down by 75%. On top of the initial physical and financial damage, another single-occupant vehicle was placed on the road.

My rear-end accident was a small one, relatively speaking. It also could have been prevented. Had I been in between lanes travelling at 10 mph, I would have avoided the situation altogether. I am a safe, defensive rider, and I'm a stickler for the rules. I am not as safe as I could be when I commute to work on a motorcycle, because I am not allowed to ride slowly in a safe area.

I urge you to consider passage of HB2314. I urge anyone opposing this bill to please have an open discussion with the motorcycle community. We recognize all the benefits of lane-sharing (reduced congestion, reduced emissions, reduced injury and fatality, etc.) and want to share them. There is a stigma that surrounds lane-sharing, one of high speed daredevils racing in and out of cars. This bill is not for those immature riders.

If nothing else, please consider a pilot of this bill. Give one year, one summer to allow lane-sharing. See what the actual impacts are, so that we're not making policy decisions based on hypotheticals. If we can try electric scooters, we can try lane-sharing.

Thank you again for your time, please support HB2314.

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