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Hello,

My name is Kyle Hittner and I strongly support HB2314 for motorcycle lane sharing.

As a daily rider, this bill has the potential to SAVE LIFES. The biggest threat to a motorcyclist is the possibility of being rear ended. This is especially true in slow or stop and go traffic. For some, the idea of lane sharing is taboo. It sounds dangerous at first, and can startle people who are not conditioned to it. However, this is the safest method.

Allowing motorcyclists to responsibly share lanes in slow traffic significantly reduces their risk of being hit by drivers. Not only is this much safer for motorcyclists, but it improves the flow of traffic since any motorcyclist no longer contributes to congestion on roadways. California is an excellent example of the fact that this works and people can become accustomed to respectfully sharing lanes with motorcyclists.

Like the rider in the video below, I have received a negligent driving infraction for doing what I knew to be the safest thing for myself, in a sketchy situation. As a rider, my number one priority is safety. Sometimes on the road, we are forced to make split second decisions in order to stay alive. It was for this reason that I now have a negligent driving on my record. However, I am not a reckless driver, just a rider trying to stay safe.

Please take the time to watch this very informative video on the subject. These are extremely experienced and responsible riders with very good points and most of us can learn something here.

https://youtu.be/JNGD9AAIfFU

Regards, Kyle Hittner