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I respectfully request your support of HB2314.

While living in Bahrain for eight years I experienced the safety benefits of being able to lane share/ filter in congested traffic. In Bahrain they encourage lane sharing to the point they have designed their intersections to accomodate the practice. There are two stop lines at traffic light controlled intersections, one at the intersection for motorcycles and scooters and a second about five meters back for cars and trucks. This gives the two wheeled traffic room to filter to the front and be out of the way of the larger vehicles.

Both as a rider and as a Paramedic, I have witnessed and responded to motor vehicle collisions involving motorcycles that would have been prevented if the motorcycle had been allowed to move between the cars and trucks to a position of safety. Instead they were required by law to stay in the danger zone, stopped behind a car or truck, while another vehicle hit them from the rear.

During the past forty years of being a Paramedic and rider I have seen a trend in our society's driving habits. Distracted driving has become a very big issue and hearing the phrase, "I didn't see them", has almost become the mantra of vehicle drivers after they are involved in a collision with a motorcycle.

By allowing lane sharing this will not improve distracted driving, but it will move the motorcyclist out of the danger zone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Donald Marr