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Please vote YES on HB2314 and help make Oregon highways safer for motorcyclists.

As a motorcyclist, few things make me more anxious than being on a highway with multiple lanes and seeing traffic stopped ahead of me. Even though I immediately start flashing my brake light to signal the driver behind me, I doubt they're trying to signal the drivers behind them. Stopped traffic makes the rider so much more vulnerable on a motorcycle; the relative ease of avoiding dangers is greatly diminished when sitting at a standstill.

I spent a few months commuting in California traffic and quickly became accustomed to lane sharing. The commute was 60 miles each way! During any commute there would times when traffic would either stop or slowdown to stop-and-go traffic. Being able to filter through the slow traffic made the entire commute less stressful. No longer was there worry when stopping in traffic that the car behind me or the next back wouldn't notice traffic stopping and slam on their brakes in an emergency maneuver to avoid crashing into the stopped cars. Instead, I could simply lane share and move through the stopped traffic.

Having spent 7 years teaching motorcycle safety classes, I take motorcycle safety very seriously. Being seen is one of the fundamental tenets of motorcycle safety. When there is a sea of automotive brake lights, motorcycles all but disappear making the situation much more dangerous.

I sincerely hope you will support HB2314.

Thank you for your time,
Eric Azinger