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Hello,

In regards to HB2314, I ask that you please support this effort to legalize lane sharing for motorcycles. I ride motorcycles and have sometimes commuted to work on them and the traffic in Portland makes this horrible stop and go workout for my clutch hand. I have ridden in California and their lane splitting laws allow for sharing the road in a safe manner, limiting speed differences, and I think it is the logical thing to do and not as big a deal as people make it out to be. Riding a motorcycle is dangerous. There is no debating that, but riding between the lanes isn't any more dangerous than just being in traffic at all.

I do not commute on my bike anymore because of traffic, but would if I didn't have to sit in traffic standstill. That takes cars off the road which create the traffic in the first place. I also don't ride in traffic because my motorcycle is a vintage 70's bike that needs air cooling, by wind passing over the engine fins. These engines aren't designed to sit in hot traffic start and stop with no air flow, they overheat. They produce so much heat, I can feel it on my legs and in my protective riding pants and jacket it feels like I'm sitting on a stove. I need the airflow too, or else it feels miserable to wear my protective pants and jacket. I know of people that don't wear protective clothing because its too hot in traffic standstill, but would if they could keep moving at 15mph. As traffic gets worse and worse, and motorcycle use is on the steady climb, this needs to be addressed thoughtfully.

This may sound like excuses, but it is not, these are real concerns and thoughts of mine. Every biker I talk to says they want this, and don't understand why this can work in California but not Oregon. We need to regulate this with laws that make sense instead of banning it altogether without even trying it.

Thank you,  
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