From: Kirk Schreiter To: **JCT Exhibits** Subject: In support of HB2314

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I write to you today as a lifelong adult motorcyclist of over 30 years, the past 15 of which I have been a year round daily commuter in the Portland Metro region, riding particularly I5 and I84.

I also am writing as a former skeptic of lane sharing. But having this past winter had the opportunity to spend three days on a business trip in and around San Francisco where I rented a motorcycle and rode north into Marin as well as south to Monterey—several hundreds of miles riding mostly interstate, and mostly through inclement weather, I am now a supporter of lane sharing in concept and this bill in particular.

You will have much testimony relating to data and studies—I have only my personal anecdotal experience to present. I was hesitant initially to take advantage of lane sharing until trapped in motionless traffic in a torrential downpour on the Golden Gate Bridge. A rider who clearly was a local commuter rode past me in the lane share zone. I chose to follow the local. It was a revelation. When I found myself later in similar situations throughout the trip I felt my comfort and safety enhanced as I was able to move out of harms way and through stopped traffic. My fatigue was less and stress lower, making for a safer ride.

This is why I personally am now an advocate for lane sharing and urge the committee to support HB2314.

Respectfully,

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