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Subject: Please vote YES on HB2314
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I am writing to encourage you to support HB2314.

As a 20year plus Oregonian and a motorcycle rider I support HB2314 and hope you will too.

I feel this legislation will do much to improve the safety of ridding motorcycles on Oregon's Highways.

My understanding is that HB2314 would legalize lane sharing only on freeways and highways. HB2314 is a commonsense way to allow motorcycles to "share the road" safely. HB2314 doesn't jeopardize bicycle or pedestrian safety because of the way HB2314 is written.

A great quote I read sums up my belief on this legislation:

"There's no data about whether or not lane sharing increases or decreases the likelihood of accident, under the conditions outlined in HB2314. Even the Berkeley Study explicitly states that it doesn't have the right kind of data to draw a conclusion either way, and it's the largest motorcycle crash study ever conducted in the U.S. I have to remind people that their 'hunch' that lane sharing is dangerous doesn't mean it's a fact."

I conclude by again asking you to consider and support HB2314.

Sincerely,

-Michael Smythe