## Joint Transportation Committee

To whom it may concern,

I sincerely hope you support **HB2314** as both the safety and reduction in pollution and traffic congestion is an advantage to both cars and motorcycles! Several tests done by various states and organizations, plus my own personal experience riding motorcycle's since 1964. I live across the bridge in Vancouver, WA but I have worked on the Oregon side since 1997. Hoping to see the gumption of lane sharing find it's way through on this side of the river also.

As Chris Cochran, spokesman for the California's Office of Traffic Safety, stated: "lane-splitting in and of itself — when done in what we refer to as in a safe and prudent manner — is no more dangerous than regular motorcycle-riding."

Less accidents? Debatable, but probably not.

More accidents? Again, probably not.

Fatal accidents? No doubt "Yes!"

Among friends (on motorcycles) killed over the last 50+ years, the majority have been due to negotiating a curve incorrectly, cars making left turns not paying attention and being rear ended (squashed between cars) sitting in traffic! Done correctly a great deal of the latter could very possibly have been avoided by lane sharing/filtering/splitting!

Too many unknowing people against lane sharing/filtering/splitting associate a motorcyclist passing between cars doing 50-80 (or more) miles per hour as lane

sharing/filtering/splitting!

NOT lane sharing/filtering/splitting at all, BUT reckless driving/riding!

Traffic standing still or moving somewhere between 10 mph - 25 mph, the motorcycle going no more than 10 mph above the surrounding traffic, that is lane sharing/filtering/splitting!

Please vote yes on HB2314! My life could depend on it...

Sincerely yours,

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