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I have lived in Salem, Oregon since 1972 . I have been riding motorcycles both in the dirt & on the street for the last 38 years on an almost daily basis year round , So I would say I have an Expanse Knowledge of safely riding motorcycle in all climates ,seasons & surfaces . In my years of riding ,Experienced riders have always said its not if but when you will go down. I also have worked in the motorcycle industry for many years meeting many riders over the years. I know the dangers of riding as well as anybody & take responsibility for riding in what some people say is a dangerous hobby / life style . The danger lies in inattentive automobile drivers on there phones ,eating food ,putting on make-up , reading books , watching Tv & I've seen much more . The most dangerous place for a motorcycle is stopped in between stopped cars waiting to go in stop & go traffic , there is no protection from being smashed or run over top of . I personally Have been knocked off my motorcycle several times in stop & go bridge traffic in west salem both times they knocked me down & drove away leaving my knocked out in one instance & with a broken foot the other time . Had I legally been able to lane share both times I would of not been injured or get to walk with a slight limp the rest of my life . Motorcycles get normally 50 mpg & use less of a carbon foot print & take up a 1/4 of the space of most cars , So more can be on the road in less space . Many motorcycles are air cooled & get very hot while idling as well as there operators can get heat stroke from sitting in heavy traffic . Lane filtering on a motorcycle just makes sense to get traffic flowing & keep motorcyclist's safe . Unfortunately When people think of lane sharing they envision some idiot riding dangerously fast in between stopped cars , Well the majority of motorcyclists are moms,dads , sisters ,brothers, grandparents & great grandparents That ride responsibly & simply want to be safe & arrive at home safe & not endanger there lives or others . Also if a lane filtering law was passed that does not mandate that you do that every time or even at all. I know many motorcyclists that probably won't or may not feel comfortable in doing so & that's alright . motorcycles only need to flow a little faster than the traffic flow.

I urge you in supporting HB 2314 & keep motorcyclists safe & traffic flowing.

Thanks for your time & consideration .

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