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# Vote YES on Senate Bill 574



## What is Lane Filtering?

Lane filtering motorcyclists ride safely between lanes, when traffic is stopped or moving less than 10 mph. The bill has broad bipartisan support in the legislature, from rural, urban, and suburban districts. Over 600 Oregon motorcyclists submitted written testimony in support of the bill, including law enforcement officers, medical professionals, and national motorcycle safety experts.

This is NOT the "California model", but a very *limited* form of lane filtering. The bill required traffic to be moving under 10 mph, motorcycles under 20 mph. It applies only to roads with 50 mph speed limits, with two or more lanes traveling in the same direction. Construction zones are also out-of-bounds.

## Safety Benefits

Lane filtering increases motorcyclist safety.

- Lane filtering allows motorcyclists to move out of the travel lane when traffic is moving slow, avoiding common rear end collisions.
- A well-respected 2015 study, performed by the State of California and the University of California, Berkeley, showed that in the event of an accident, motorcyclists who are lane filtering are "considerably less likely to suffer head injury, torso injury, extremity injury, and fatal injury" than riders who were not lane filtering.
- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration suggests that lane filtering may reduce accident frequency, noting that "there is evidence ... that traveling between lanes of stopped or slow-moving cars on multiple-lane roads slightly reduces crash frequency compared with staying within the lane and moving with other traffic."

## Congestion Benefits

Lane filtering helps reduce congestion.

- SB574 lets motorcyclists play a unique role in helping reduce congestion, especially during morning and evening commutes.
- The benefits are free: no new infrastructure, structures, or signage is required.

## Environmental Benefits

Lane filtering reduces emissions.

- Lane filtering lowers the time all vehicles spend idling in traffic by reducing congestion.
- Lane filtering also encourages the use of more fuel-efficient alternative vehicles, including electric motorcycles. Typical gasoline-powered motorcycles and scooters get 50+ miles per gallon.

## Other Items Worth Noting

- Lane filtering would be optional, not mandatory.
- Lane filtering is now legal in Montana, California and Utah, and regularly practiced around the world.

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