

Dear Joint Transportation Committee Members,

Please support the passage of SB574.

I have been a motorcyclist for 50 of my 58 years. I heartily wish that no one should endure a traffic jam for any reason, but it seems a reasonable request to allow those vehicle operators who can *safely* navigate around or through one to do so. My only experience with lane splitting occurred while in a car stopped in traffic on I-280 in my way to San Jose, CA. The cars and trucks politely moved a little and allowed a handful of motorcyclists to slowly move through traffic. It absolutely worked and seemed to cause no one any concern.

Please consider allowing your Oregon motorcyclists the same small convenience.

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