

March 2, 2021

Joint Committee On Transportation 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Greetings, Co-Chairs Beyer & McLain, Vice-Chairs Boquist & Noble, and Committee members,

I write in support of to Senate Bill 574.

I'm Senator Bill Hansell representing Senate District 29, which includes Wallowa, Union, Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, and parts of Wasco Counties. Thank you for accepting my written testimony in favor of Senate Bill 574.

SB 574 allows motorcycle operators to travel in between lanes during slow or stopped traffic. I do not own a motorcycle or regularly operate a motorcycle but see the benefits to SB 574 for both motorcycle operators and other drivers. The benefits to the motorcycle operators are saving time, bypassing traffic congestion, and I believe it to be safer than stopping behind stationary vehicles. For the other drivers, having fewer commuters sit in traffic allows for less congestion, and motorcycle operators won't be caught in stop-and-go.

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I urge the committee to support SB 574.

**Respectfully Submitted** 

Senator Bill Hansell

Sincerely,

Bill Hansell

Oregon State Senator

District 29