

I support SB574 as an Oregon motorcyclist because one of the most important rules about riding a motorcycle in heavy traffic is to always be prepared to accelerate out of my lane if I spot an inattentive driver about to rear end me. It is probably the most stressful place to be for a motorcyclist because of how little control we have in that situation, and because of how fatal it would be to be smashed between two heavy vehicles. Being able to ride between cars by splitting lanes will remove this hazard from my consideration and allow me to relax a little and feel safer riding my bike in traffic. The bill should increase the number of people who ride to work by making us feel safer, while cutting down on ride times and decreasing traffic congestion overall. This should also have a positive impact for the environment because we'll be spending less time idling, and more time riding than driving.

Finally, as a cyclist, I already can lane split in a similar way so that all of cyclists filter to the front of a line of stopped cars, compacting the amount of space we take up on the road.