

Committee Members,

My name is Jarrod Prater and I have been an avid motorcyclist for over 30 years. I am also a police officer in the Portland Metro Area and have been assigned to the traffic unit riding a motorcycle in the past. I am in strong support of SB574 and would urge your support as well. Contrary to popular belief, lane filtering would offer a way for motorcyclists to safely negotiate high volume traffic times in a very controlled manner. Motorcycles are very vulnerable to being struck from the rear with the rider being unprotected by a metal structure. Allowing the riders to filter along the shoulder or between lanes would lessen that danger. It also makes sense to reduce the amount of vehicles not only taking up space in the lanes adding to the congestion, but also to have less vehicles sitting and idling for long periods of time. SB574 makes sense for traffic congestion as well as safety and I urge your support.

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