

To the committee,

I have many friends and family members who have rode or currently ride motorcycles in the State of Oregon, and I feel as if lane splitting in heavy traffic will save lives. As a nation, we have a visibility problem for motorcycles, especially as the average size of motor vehicle has risen over the last twenty years. As I have personally lost my father to a motorcycle accident, I feel as if any safety improvements that can be made for motorcycles on Oregon roads should be seriously considered.

Allowing for lane splitting gives motorcyclists more safety in heavy traffic and around distracted drivers, especially in Portland. The portion of Interstate 5 between Lombard St and the Marquam Bridge especially would benefit from this bill.

Thank you for your time,
Derrick Ross