

Please support SB 574

I've commuted primarily by motorcycle year round for 13 years. Most of that was between Gresham and Downtown Portland. There were many instances where I had to move to a position between vehicles to avoid getting rear ended as traffic came to an abrupt stop in front and cars were coming in fast from the rear. My son and I were lucky one day when the car behind us stopped and then we hear squealing tires and a crash as the next car slammed into them (112th and Division). Motorcycles don't have the same protection as cars, so we have to take advantage of our small footprint and awareness to stay safe and this bill would help with that.

I believe this would also encourage a more environment friendly mode of transportation for individual travel. New people that can't use bicycles because they are limited by physical abilities or distance may choose a scooter, small displacement motorcycle or some of the new electric alternatives. These have the benefit of bicycles in that they take up less space and create less wear on the infrastructure. Oregon has worked hard to become bicycle friendly, lets work hard to become motorcycle friendly for many of the same benefits to the overall community.

Thank you,

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