

Dear Committee Members,

I am submitting this testimony in support of SB 574, and in the hopes that you will also support this bill. Legalizing lane sharing for motorcyclists will make the roads much safer for them AND all users of the road. Not only would this bill improve safety, it would improve traffic and emissions, which is an ever increasing issue and concern for every Oregonian.

In our day and age, there should be zero motorists needlessly dying or injured from accidents in slow moving traffic. The passing of this bill ensures that everyone on the road will be educated on how to safely navigate traffic. Ensuring the public is aware of motorcyclists legally lane sharing could also potentially decrease or completely eradicate distracted driving, which still continues to be a major problem.

As a motorist who operates a car and a motorcycle, my skills being a safer motorist improved vastly when I gained my licensure for motorcycles years ago. And it was also a terrible wake up call. Motorcyclists are NOT SAFE on Oregon roads. Motorcyclists are not SEEN and many motorists out there choose not to see them. If we truly want to be a community that can shares its roads 100%, there needs to be change. Thank you.