

As an Oregonian and an avid motorcyclist, I support SB574. Allowing lane splitting in certain limited situations saves lives, reduces traffic, reduces vehicle emissions, and gets all road users where they are going sooner and more safely. If you look at the scientific studies done on lane-splitting, you will see that it is safer and saves lives. Unfortunately, every time concerned and conscientious people put a bill like this forward, naysayers that A) don't ride motorcycles and B) don't understand motorcycles and C) can't be bothered to look at the science pop up and reject the idea out of hand because they "think it sounds dangerous." In places that allow motorcycles the option of operating this way in limited situations, it has proven to be less dangerous by massively reducing the number of motorcyclists injured or killed when they are rear-ended in traffic. Forcing motorcycles to act like cars in all situations can be dangerous...more dangerous than allowing limited lane splitting. Please give this bill a chance; you will be saving lives by doing so.