

Lane filtering improves rider safety, and helps reduce traffic. I can't count the amount of times I've had to dart my bike in between two cars to prevent a rear-end collision. Car drivers just don't see us when traffic is stopped on a highway. All over the world lane filtering for motorcycles and scooters is legal, and has proven to be safe. California Highway Patrol even recommends the practice.

Electric bicycles are everywhere now, often reaching speeds of up to 30MPH, with no requirement for safety gear. With the lines being blurred between motorcycles, scooters and bicycles, it doesn't make sense that only one of these gets the preferred treatment when it comes to lane filtering and safe travel lanes. Oregon should be a leader in reducing the amount of single-occupant cars on the road by encouraging small vehicle travel such as scooters, motorcycles and bicycles. Passing this bill is a good first step to regulating what should be the preferred way to travel in the future.

Let us feel safer in traffic. Give everyone the benefit of reduced traffic. Pass SB 574!