

I am a life long motorcyclist. Previous to moving to Oregon, lived in California. Even after establishing my residence in Oregon, I continued to work full time for a CA based company for the eight years before the Pandemic caused me to suspend my normal level of travel, I commuted regularly between OR and CA by motorcycle weather permitting. During all my adult life i have used a motorcycle as my primary mode of transportation. My motorcycle usage has included daily riding in CA for over 35 years, and part time, after moving to OR, for almost 8 years. During that entire time "Lane sharing" at appropriate speeds during traffic slow downs (Common on the highways and freeways I used in CA) and "Lane filtering" allowing motorcycles to move to the front during traffic stops was legal, and practiced by motorcyclists safely, including me.

It is common knowledge that this practice is safe and desirable in regard to aiding in traffic issues. because the small foot print of these vehicle allowed the safe use of the space between the car lines, traffic is compacted, and in essence made less as in this way, the motorcycles do not take up the space in line of a car or truck. Further it is safer for the motorcycle rider, as being rear ended while waiting in traffic is a major issue. All studies that I have been able to find show that this practice is safe and desirable. and in fact supported by the CA hi way Patrol. I ask that the legislature study the history of this safe and desirable practice by our neighboring state, and all EU countries, as such a study will clearly underscore the safety, and aid in traffic abatement this conduct advances. Additionally, Motorcycles and Scooters while having a smaller footprint which helps with parking space, they are also very high milage so their use has the effect of aiding in reducing pollution. It is estimated that the average speed of a motorcycle, because of filtering, increases the average speed of a two wheeled vehicle in a city environment by over 40% meaning 60% less time needed to commute which is also a salutary effect. Thank you for considering allowing this practice, as it has been done successfully and safely both in our neighboring state, and the EU nations for so many years safely and a positive effect on traffic congestion.