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I ride my motorcycle to work almost every day there isn't ice on the roads and I support this bill (SB 422). I have wasted more hours than I can count needlessly stuck in Portland traffic, staring longingly at the wide open space between lanes that would easily and safely allow me to make it home and get off the road. This is especially frustrating in the extreme heat of summer sitting still on the blazing asphalt while sitting on a giant heater. My motorcycle is also air cooled which means I am risking blowing up my engine in the heat while I am stuck in traffic. Letting motorcycles safely filter through traffic reduces congestion, reduces pollution and improves safety for riders (see UC Berkeley study reported on here: <https://news.berkeley.edu/2015/05/29/motorcycle-lanesplitting-report/>). I was very disappointed last year when the Governor chose to veto a similar bill that was passed by a bipartisan majority in both houses by representatives of the people of Oregon. The role of government is not to be our nanny, but to secure our freedoms, including the freedom to make our own choices about personal safety. I know several bikers who are not interested in lane splitting or filtering themselves, but they support the right for others who choose to do so. Please let us make our own choices.