

I am fully in support of SB422.

This bill will ease congestion on our major highways and allow for smoother traffic and for the State to spend less building new wider highways.

This bill will aid in the climate change by reducing greenhouse gases produced by internal combustion engines. A motorcycle gets way better mileage than a car or SUV. They compare to today's Hybrids in that respect. Also should this bill pass it could be anticipated that more commuters would ride motorcycles rather than drive as they could get there faster during rush hour.

And finally this bill makes riding in rush hour traffic safer for us riders. No one pays much attention in bumper to bumper traffic, they are texting and minds are wandering off. A rear end collision in a motorcycle is almost always a trip to hospital or morgue. A glancing blow from the side at the low speeds of this bill will result in damage to motorcycle, but far less serious to rider.

I have been riding for over 50 years, and over 60 motorcycles. I continue to take Team Oregon classes to improve and maintain my skill level and awareness. I think this bill is part of that life saving legislation just like training.

Please pass this bill along to Senate floor and House for enactment.

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