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On Behalf Of: self and other motorcycle riders
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB422

I have 39 years of motorcycle riding experience, including 32 in California where even more lane filtering is allowed than would be allowed under SB422 (in fact, I would ask that on all multilane roadways that motorcycle riders be allowed to filter between stopped vehicles at red lights as a safety measure to prevent riders from being rear-ended by car and truck drivers). I support SB422 as do a majority bipartisan group of Oregon legislators. This is a very limited, optional-participation bill (if passed, motorcycle riders are not required to lane filter under the conditions of the bill) that will help keep motorcycle riders safer as well as having a small net-positive impact on traffic situations on roads with a minimum 50mph speed limit. Lane filtering has been done safely for decades in Europe and California and is supported by recent studies by the University of California, Berkeley and the California Highway Patrol. Utah, Montana and Arizona also have legalized lane filtering. SB422 is identical to the Oregon's 2021 SB574 which was approved by the legislature but wrongly vetoed by then-Governor Kate Brown. Please vote for approval of this bill for the safety of motorcycle riders and to benefit the state of Oregon.