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Lane splitting will responsibly reduce the horrific backup of bridge traffic in Portland and in congested areas with >2 lane roads. Under the current law, riding in a full lane with the assumption of being seen begets a false sense of security whereas the act of lane splitting requires a rider to be even more vigilant and defensive. I've experienced two close calls in a span of a few hours in the Portland metro area riding in the full lane on the highway, where twice in two hours two different vehicles quickly moved into my lane with me face to face with the driver. These laws tend to not pass, favoring drivers, but they are hazardous in their own right as a result of complacency and inattentiveness. Don't skimp on public relations/awareness once this passes, and view it as a way of educating both drivers and motorcyclists.