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Hello,

I have been a licensed motorcyclist for 6 years. Living in Vancouver WA and regularly riding in Portland for the first 4 years, but spending the last 2 years living in Singapore on a work assignment. While in Singapore I was also licensed as a motorcyclist and used it as my primary transportation. In Singapore, traffic laws are rigorously followed and enforced. However the main difference between the US and Singapore with regards to riding is that lane splitting/filtering in Singapore is not only legal, but expected by both drivers and riders.

I found filtering a bit odd at first, but after adjusting it I found it not only helped traffic congestion for everyone, but made riding much safer. At almost every traffic light, motorcycles filter to the front (avoiding getting rear ended by distracted drivers) and also get to take off first on green (generally staying ahead of mixed traffic, thus less likely to get merged into).

I strongly support allowing this behavior in Oregon because it is safer for riders and more efficient for all traffic.