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Motorcyclists are much more susceptible to careless drivers. If a person is texting and driving and they rear end the car in front them, there is a high chance there will be no injuries. If that same texting driver rear ends a motorcycle, the result is often fatal for the motorcycle rider. If the motorcycle was able to lane filter between stopped cars, there would be no chance of collision from that texting driver. Additionally, all the stopped cars will see the motorcycle and know it's presence on the road. Not only is it safer for motorcyclists to lane filter, it increases awareness for motorcycles on the road. Why pay for ads telling drivers to watch out for motorcycles when a filtering motorcycle gets noticed by all the people stopped in traffic? A filtering incentive can also help persuade car drivers to get a motorcycle which can ease congestion. Oregon is getting populous and more and more people will be getting in their car to get to where they need to go. If just 10% of car drivers switched to lane filtering motorcycles, we could see a dramatic decrease in congestion. Lane filtering is safer, makes motorcyclists seen and reduces congestion. The choice is clear: we need lane filtering in Oregon. As a motorcycle rider, legalized lane filtering would make me feel a lot safer on the roads.