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Peer-reviewed research into the safety of motorcycle lane-sharing is sparse, and the data collected through these research studies sometimes supports contradictory conclusions. One reason why the research on the safety of motorcycle lane sharing has produced contradicting conclusions is because these studies have been undertaken in different regions of the world with distinct differences in the cultural values and use of two-wheeled motorized vehicles, and so it is important to make decisions for Oregon using data that was collected from cultures that are similar to Oregon. Of the studies on lane sharing that I have read, I believe that research about the lane-sharing in California is the most applicable to lane-sharing in Oregon, and this research shows that lane sharing reduces the risk of injury for motorcycle riders. I have over a decade of experience operating motorcycles in California where lane-sharing is legal, as well as a decade of experience operating motorcycles in Oregon, where lane-sharing is currently still illegal. Although anecdotal, my personal experience supports the conclusion of this study, and I would feel less vulnerable as a motorcyclist in Oregon if lane-sharing were legal.