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I am an experienced rider who currently rides for commute and pleasure. I learned to ride in the Los Angeles area and commuted for years by bike in the area. Lane splitting is a normal occurrence on the roads and highways in CA. Lane splitting helps alleviate congestion and, most importantly, reduces the risk of a motorcycle being rear-ended by distracted drivers. There is plenty of data to support both of these assertions, as I am sure you are aware. Of course, reasonable guidelines would be appropriate to ensure safety, such as capping the speed, capping how much faster than traffic one could ride, and limiting the activity to the space between the fast lane and the adjacent lane to the right. If memory serves, these were the guidelines that were in place when I was in CA, and they worked very well. Then there are all the international examples of lane splitting from other countries in Europe, Asia, and other places that show lane splitting to be safe and effective at reducing congestion. Please pass SB 422. Thank you.