

Dear Chair McLain, Chair Frederick, members of the committee,

Thank you for taking the time to hear our bill. SB 422A is a long-overdue, much needed piece of legislation that will protect Oregon motorcyclists and improve congested highways for all road users.

In my oral testimony today, you will hear me refer to several other pieces of testimony or materials that are relevant to this bill. For your ease of reference, I am including links to those items here.

1. The testimony of Nicholas Mokey on 2021 SB 574, who received a traffic citation while attempting to invoke the "choice of evils" doctrine by splitting lanes between traffic when he felt his life was in danger.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/9402>

2. The testimony of Brian Edwards, a retired Oregon motorcycle safety instructor:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/98998>

3. The Rice Study, a seminal motorcycle safety study undertaken by UC Berkeley, which found that travelling between lanes of traffic is associated with substantial safety benefits, including a 60% reduction in fatalities and 47% reduction in head injuries compared to riders not travelling between lanes.

<https://www.ots.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/67/2019/06/Motorcycle-Lane-Splitting-and-Safety-2015.pdf>

Thank you very much for your time. I hope you will vote to move this bill to the House floor with a Do-Pass recommendation.

Sincerely,

Jonas Acres