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SB 422 needs to become law. I am a Portland Public School teacher who rides her motorcycle to work, and just about everywhere else, every day of the year. My foremost concern as a rider is safety. I have been luckier than some of my motorcycling friends. I have not been hit from behind by a driver who did not slow for traffic ahead, but I fear for my safety every time I find myself immobilized in a traffic jam. A rear end collision might injure a motorist in an enclosed vehicle, but that same rear-end collision could be deadly for a motorcyclist. SB 422 would allow riders like myself to safely and cautiously move through traffic and out of potential impact-zones.

Allowing motorcycles to filter would also relieve some of the traffic congestion we are all frustrated by, as well as lessening greenhouse gas emissions, by allowing motorcyclists to simply get out of the way.

This bill makes sense and I hope to see it succeed.