

To my fellow Oregonians,

Legalized lane sharing in SB 694 would make me feel safer and allow me to ride my motorcycle more often. **It would also take cars off the road to reduce traffic and would have a lesser impact to the environment.**

If we can lead the nation in bicycle infrastructure, we should also consider other two wheeled transport.

On most days I'm a car driver, some days TriMet, and least commonly a motorcyclist. I would ride my motorcycle more often to reduce my fuel consumption and carbon footprint **but I seldom feel safe** using it as a commuter to and from work out of fear of being rear ended in stop and go traffic.

The new bill would allow motorcyclists to safely and legally remove themselves from situations where being rear ended by an inattentive driver is possible. There's also the benefit of being able to alleviate traffic congestion, but to me **this is foremost a safety issue to take motorcyclists out of the collision path with a vehicle 10 times its mass.**

This bill would be an entirely optional exercise for the rider to judge if safe (like when drivers check to see if it's safe to change lanes) and **the speeds suggested are at extremely safe and conservative limits.**

There is data from California, where motorcycles are legally allowed to lane share, that shows motorcyclists there are less likely to be injured as compared to other states where it's currently not allowed. There's a recent study from UC Berkeley that proves that **lane sharing poses no additional danger when practiced prudently.**

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-lane-splitting-study-20141022-story.html>

Thank you for your time.

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