

May 12, 2015

Re: Support for SB 694

Dear Chair McKeown and Members of the House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development;

My name is Daniel Halli and I am a resident of Portland, Oregon. I would like to state my SUPPORT of SB 694: allowing operators of motorcycles to pass vehicles during traffic jams and/or slowdowns, traveling between lanes of traffic, benefits both drivers and motorcyclists as well as has ecological benefits

Before moving to Portland with my wife and children in 2007, I resided and rode motorcycles in California for nearly 20 years. In those years, conservatively filtering between lanes of traffic in gridlock saved countless hours of unnecessarily placing myself at risk of rear-end collisions (40% of all accidents on our highways), benefited other drivers by having less vehicles in-lane and saved a great many gallons of fuel which equates to lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Experience as well as recent studies provide compelling evidence showing an increase in safety for the motorcyclist

- *The Motorcycle Lane-Share Study Among California Motorcyclists And Drivers 2014 And Comparison To 2012 And 2013 Data* conducted by Ewald & Wasserman Research Consultants, LLC, on behalf of the California Office of Traffic Safety and SafeTREC, found that motorcyclists were **less likely to be injured in crashes when filtering lanes in gridlock and didn't exceed the speed of other traffic by more than 10 miles an hour.**
- *Safety Implications Of Lane-Splitting Among California Motorcyclists Involved In Collisions* by Thomas Rice and Lara Troszak of the Safe Transportation Research & Education Center (SafeTREC) at the University of California Berkeley
- A 2010 report by the Oregon Department of Transportation found that lane-filtering could reduce greenhouse gas emissions as well as congestion.

I urge the committee to recommend passage of SB 694.

Very truly yours,

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