

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

I am writing in support of SB 694A because I am a motorcycle commuter in the State of Oregon. As fellow Oregonians, I'm sure you've been stuck in traffic on US-26, US-217, I-84, I-205, and I-5 and that grief of traffic only gets exacerbated with the summer months. Now imagine yourself as a motorcycle rider in that scenario wearing full leather protection and sitting on a machine that needs to be air cooled along with being surrounded by the fumes from all the other cars - quite a pleasant commute huh? By allowing motorcyclists to filter through traffic during these jams, congestion will be reduced by letting us flow through traffic and other cars to take our "vacated" spot. It also removes the VERY REAL danger of getting rear ended by a car driver in traffic. I implore you to look to your left and right and behind you during the next time you're in traffic - I am willing to bet my motorcycle title that at least one of them is looking at their phone/mobile device, if not all of them; I saw one guy watching movies on his phone that he rested on the freaking dashboard!

For the safety of Oregon motorcyclists and reducing traffic, please support and pass SB 694A so that motorcyclists have the OPTION to be able to filter through traffic as needed. I'm sure not every motorcyclist will embrace the new law but it gives them the ability to take their safety in their own hands rather than be a sitting duck in traffic. A little tap from behind in a motorcycle doesn't just make your bumper fall off like in a car, it'll probably make your leg fall off.

Thank you for reading my testimony and pray that you support SB 694A.

Best wishes,

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