

From: Andy Goldfine
Subject: Re: Lane-sharing bill in Oregon
Date: April 9, 2015 10:30:03 PM CDT
To: Courtney Olive

Courtney - Yes, please call if I can help.

Sincerely,
Andy

On Apr 8, 2015, at 6:29 PM, Courtney Olive wrote:
Hi Andy,

Through our "pen pal" friendship I know we've traded emails over the years about lane-sharing. Here's a good, short article about an Oregon bill, SB694, that's gaining traction right now:
<http://www.motorcycle-usa.com/2/24401/Motorcycle-Article/Oregon-Considers-SB694-Lane-Splitting-Bill.aspx>

As you'll see from the wording of the bill, it would only apply to traffic jams on major highways. It's basically as safe and minimally-intrusive a form of lane-sharing as possible. In fact, we're labeling it "filtering" to denote its application to only low-speed situations.

I'm working with a team of folks to get the SB694 passed. It had a hearing last Thursday before a Senate Committee--the first such hearing ever for a lane-sharing/filtering bill in Oregon. You can view the hearing here: http://oregon.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip_id=9001 I was toward the end (1:19) so got a bit rushed by the Chairman, but got my points across.

There's a good chance that SB694 will move forward and get another hearing. If it does, I may call upon you (with short notice I'm afraid) to submit written testimony in favor. Would you be amenable to that?

Many thanks,
Courtney

Key video testimony from 1:18:00 – 1:31:20

Oregon Considers SB694 Lane-Splitting Bill

Byron Wilson

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Byron's sure to be hunched over a laptop after the checkers are flown, caught in his own little version of heaven. Whether on dirt, street or a combination of both, MotoUSA's newest addition knows the only thing better than actually riding is telling the story of how things went down.

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California has long been the only state in the U.S. to allow lane-splitting, but bills are being considered throughout the country that could see the practice grow. Oregon is one of those states, and Senate Bill 694, which is currently in committee, would allow lane-splitting on freeways and highways when:

“(a) Traffic is stopped or has slowed to a speed of 10 miles per hour or less; and
“(b) The motorcycle operator or moped operator is driving in a cautious and prudent manner and is traveling at a speed of 20 miles per hour or less.”

On April 2, 2015 MotoUSA Contributing Editor Courtney Olive was one of many to testify in front of the State's Senate Judiciary Committee in support of the measure. In his written testimony, which can be [read here](#), Olive cites data from a number of studies which support the claim that lane-splitting improves motorcyclists' safety on the road.

Currently, the major opponent to the bill is the Oregon Department of Transportation, which concludes its written testimony with this summary: “ODOT has safety concerns about Senate Bill 694 due to the very close proximity of the motorcyclist to the adjacent motor vehicles and risk of crash. Oregon crash data does not support this being a safety solution for rear-end crashes. No other state has codified lane splitting.”

Apart from a host of letters of support from motorcyclists, the American Motorcyclist Association, Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety and BikePAC of Oregon all pledged support for the bill.

Oregon residents that would like to have their voice heard in this matter are encouraged to contact their Senator by phone and email as soon as possible. Contact information can be found here: <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/FindYourLegislator/leg-districts.html>