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Vote Explanation
SB 574 A

Even though I previously supported the concept of “lane splitting” or “lane filtering” for motorcycles, I now believe it is extremely dangerous and that there is an alternative for situations where a motorcyclist feels threatened by approaching vehicles from behind.

If a motorcyclist believes they are about to be hit by another motor vehicle from behind while stopped in a traffic jam, they can exercise the choice of evils defense found under ORS 161.200 to move out of the zone of danger by splitting the lane or moving on to the shoulder. It provides safeguards for those specific situations instead of placing all motorists at greater risk, as will occur under SB 574 A.

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