

# **BikePac of Oregon**

## 2016 - 2017 Legislative Focus Areas

#### A. Ethanol in fuel

Position: BikePac aligns on this issue with a great many other citizens groups who oppose the addition of ethanol to be burned in many types of motors. This includes motorcycles, ATV's, boats, planes, "classic cars" and thousands of smaller engines used to mow lawns, run generators, or pressure wash a driveway. The proven detrimental effects of ethanol are especially common in carbureted and air-cooled motors. BikePac supports at least one pump containing non-blended fuel be available in all practical cases at Oregon filling stations. At a minimum, we oppose the proliferation of the E-15 blend from becoming a standard.

### **B. Driver Accident Accountability**

The word "motorcyclists" was removed from the language that became ORS 811.135 several sessions ago (termed the vulnerable users law.) Motorcyclists maintain the position that larger vehicle operators should be held to a higher standard of accountability when it comes to the negligent injury or death of Oregon's "high-exposure" motorists, including motorcyclists on Oregon's roadways.

#### C. Gear Choice

BikePac maintains the position that it is a rider's choice to select appropriate safety equipment for the riding conditions. This includes helmets, reflective apparel, or similar wearable items. Safety gear, including helmet usage, should be similarly framed in the law as in 31 other states to be the responsible choice for all licensed, endorsed, insured, adult Oregonians.

#### D. Lane-Sharing

BikePac maintains that the concept of lane-sharing for motorcyclists should be afforded in-depth vetting related to the positive affects for some of Oregon's heavy—traffic regions. Similar to California's provision in this regard, we believe that there are tangible positive impacts that can be made to some of Oregon's congestion issues, particularly in metro areas and "rush-hour" commutes. BikePac maintains that there are additional positive environmental and safety benefits attached to such a provision.

### E. Anti-profiling

Similar to Washington State's recent SB 5242 (signed into law,) BikePac maintains a position to be ever cognizant of citizen constitutional rights, dignity, and fairness within the judicial system.