

## 2023 Session Preview

It's post-election and pre-session, so there is not a lot of hard information to report. We are still sorting out how the committees will stack up in both houses, but it will take a bit of time. At this writing there are still some races that are too close to call, but the overall control of the House and Senate will not shift. The one thing that we know is that Sen. Randall won her reelection bid, so we do have a champion for our lane sharing/splitting/filtering issue. Language has yet to be crafted.

The issues ABATE has opted to set as our primary focus are lane sharing (Randall has the lead in crafting the language), profiling (Coalition of Clubs have the lead), and removing the weight fees on motorcycles. Most likely the issue will (hopefully) be rectified in the negotiations for the Transportation budget, but we may be running a stand-alone bill to obtain visibility. Another issue may be brought by Rep. Mosbrucker to modify the makeup of the Motorcycle Safety Advisory Board, giving more weight to actual riders. We will be supporting this issue if it is brought forward.

For now, members need to reach out to their representatives and senator to schedule your appointments for Black Friday, 20 January.

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