

February Update

Things are still in flux as I write this, so there may be more bills in play. At this point, we have almost identical bills in the House (HB 1063) and Senate (SB 5401) addressing lane usage. (The terms splitting, sharing, and filtering are quite interchangeable.) The next step is for us to get hearings in either of, or better both, chambers. What everyone needs to do is to contact their house members and senators and ask them to speak to the committee chairs asking for a hearing on our bills. This is especially important for the committee chairs hear from their caucus members. I have been assured by Rep. Fey (House Transportation) that if he gets enough support from members that he will give the bill a hearing.

We have until February 24th to get the bill out of committee, so there is time to work, but let's not relax. Get those phone lines in your legislative district offices buzzing. Just a reminder, if committee members need to be massaged that is my job. Mass mailings and calls to the committee members can be quite counterproductive, so please don't succumb to temptation.

In case you need to locate your legislators go to Washington State Legislature and enter your address.

Until next time, ride safely and legislate well.

“Texas” Larry

