

Legislative News (Or not)

By the time that this comes out things may have changed a lot, as we will be past committee cutoff, but congratulations are still in order. A lot of issues got hearings in committees, including the Senator Randall's version of the lane sharing/splitting bill ([SB 5401](#)) and Representative Orcutt's right shoulder riding bill ([HB 1487](#)). A huge shout out to everyone who reached out to your reps and senators to push the issues and to all the folks who signed up in support of our bills without testifying. The message was received loud and clear.

As a follow on, there was a very productive meeting between Senator Randall, myself, Nick Haris of the AMA, the staff of the WA Motorcycle Safety Program, and the representative of the WA Traffic Safety Commission (WSTC) after the hearing, with the main topic being possible adjustment to the implementation time line if the bill passes.

I need to give special recognition to the crew who stepped up to help give testimony. With their assistance we put together a game plan whereby each person took part of the story to tell, allowing us to deliver a cohesive and comprehensive message without undue repetition. Kim Adair did a stellar job of keeping me on track and helping us organize the outreach to the community, as well as stepping up and offering excellent testimony on HB 1487. Adalinda Lundt did an excellent job of giving testimony on SB 5401, even with learning under fire against a 90 second timer. Alex Randall did wonderful outreach to the motorcycling community and provided excellent insight in his testimony on HB 1487 and SB 5401. Finally, Patrick Taggart totally wowed the committee as a moped rider supporting SB 5401. I was extremely proud to be a part of such a wonderful and diverse team.

If any of our bills are still in active play as of 1 March, everyone needs to reach out to their reps and senators to ask that they support moving the bills to the floor for passage to the opposite house. We have until 8 March to get it out of the house of origin.

Until next time, ride safely and legislate well.