Please vote YES on SB15-286 to Improve Motorcycle Rider Training in Colorado

The MOST (Motorcycle Operator Safety Training) Program, administered under CDOT, has been flawed for many years and legislative attempts to fix it have unfortunately failed. Multiple problems identified in the Legislative Audit of 2010 have not been resolved. If allowed to continue, MOST will still collect fees from motorcycle registrations and license endorsements, but will no longer subsidize the costs of safety training programs for individual students. All that is left is an unnecessary state government program that no longer meets its statutory obligations. MOST is no longer needed.

Ending the MOST Program WILL NOT end motorcycle training in Colorado. Current training schools (and any new competitors) will continue to deliver quality training. We don't need MOST:

- Private vendors already hold the authority to train and certify instructors, approve training sites, and review school applications to ensure they meet requirements to deliver thorough and safe rider training. Curricula can be reviewed by SMSA (State Motorcycle Safety Administrators) to make sure new rider courses adhere to the federal National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA) National Standards, while still requiring approval by Colorado's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).
- Schools will be free to use new curricula (if it meets SMSA, NHTSA and DMV criteria) to increase the quality of existing training, and to foster more competition.
- New riders will continue to attend classes at the same schools that already teach motorcycle safety classes. DOR / DMV will continue to accept school completion certificates for "M" endorsements, saving the DMV hundreds of thousands of dollars in administration costs.

CDOT's own lobbyist (in testimony before the Senate Transportation Committee) has acknowledged that MOST has not been providing oversight of the schools. Oversight is the natural responsibility of the vendor providing the course curricula, and accepted standards for curricula already exist.

Another fiscal benefit of ending the MOST Program will be to free up room under the TABOR cap by eliminating a wholly ineffective cash program. SB 15-286 will wisely eliminate this program.

Our organizations represent motorcyclists in Colorado and we take training and safety very seriously. It has become apparent to us that the MOST Program no longer serves its intended purpose and is just no longer needed. Motorcycle safety training will still thrive in the absence of this program.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON SB15-286.



US Defenders Colorado

Danny "Kid" Barton State Commander US Defenders



Confederation of Clubs Colorado

Patrick "Diablo" McGrath President Colorado COC



Coalition of Independent Riders Colorado

> Deborah "Tiger" Chandler State Commander

Coalition of Independent Riders