

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Buckley, Butler, Gilman, Read, Smith G., Tomei, Beyer
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Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/2, 4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Defines “racing activity vehicle” for purposes of Oregon Vehicle Code. Authorizes permanent registration period and sets registration fee for racing activity vehicle at \$81. Exempts from registration requirements vehicle being test driven within a 30-mile radius of manufacture’s location. Exempts vehicles from certain vehicle equipment standards and from emissions testing requirements. Creates violation of registration limits as Class B traffic violation. Creates offense of unlawfully operating a race activity vehicle as Class B traffic violation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- New type of vehicle for use on race tracks
- Titling and registration requirements in other states
- Limitations on use of racing activity vehicle
- Safety issues
- Growing Oregon business endeavor

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Authorizes permanent registration period and sets registration fee for racing activity vehicles at \$81. Exempts from registration requirements race activity vehicle being test driven within a 30-mile radius of manufacture’s location. Creates violation of registration limits as a Class B traffic violation if the person uses the vehicle other than for: exhibitions, parades or club activities; driving the vehicle to a race track within 90-mile radius of owner’s residence; or test driving the vehicle for maintenance or repair purposes within 30-mile radius of service station location. Creates offense of unlawfully operating a race activity vehicle as a Class B traffic violation if vehicle is operating on a highway that has a posted speed that is greater than 55 miles per hour.

BACKGROUND: HB 3527A establishes “racing activity vehicle” as a new vehicle type in the Oregon Vehicle Code and allows for vehicle titling and registration. The measure sets limits on use of racing activity vehicle on Oregon roads. Racing activity vehicles are exempt from meeting certain vehicle equipment standards and from emissions testing requirements. HB 3527A further creates Class B traffic violation offenses for violation of registration limits or unlawful operation carrying fines of up to \$360.