

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Jenson
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Walker

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and Be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 19 – 0 – 3

House

Yeas: Buckley, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, Shields

Nays:

Exc: Komp, G. Smith

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Winters

Nays:

Exc: Whitsett

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Meeting Date: June 11, 2009

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: The measure changes the name of the All-Terrain Vehicle Account Allocation Committee to the All-Terrain Vehicle Advisory Committee and modifies the committees' membership and duties. The Committee is directed to study the safety of all-terrain vehicles and report its findings to the Legislative Assembly by December 1, 2010. The Committee is staffed by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and is funded by the All-Terrain Vehicle Account. The measure declares an emergency, and makes it effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the measure
- Effect of committee amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Changes the name of the All-Terrain Vehicle Account Allocation Committee to the All-Terrain Vehicle Advisory Committee; modifies the committees' membership and duties; and funds the committee from the All-Terrain Vehicle Account.

BACKGROUND: According to the website of the United States Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC), too many all-terrain-vehicle (ATV) riders – young and old – are dying or experiencing life-altering injuries from incidents involving ATVs. The CPSC estimates that 740 people died in incidents associated with ATVs in 2003 and that 136,100 emergency-room-treated injuries were associated with ATVs in 2004. About a third of all deaths and injuries involved victims under 16 years old. The CPSC also reported that ridership has continued to grow, with 6.2 million 4-wheeled ATVs in use in 2003. The major ATV manufacturers agreed in 1988, and in subsequent plans, that they would not manufacture three-wheel ATVs; that they would restrict engine size on ATVs sold for use by children under 16, and they would offer driver-training programs.

Oregon ATV riders age 15 or younger and adults who supervise them are required to complete an on-line Oregon ATV Safety Education course. Beginning in 2012, hands-on training will become mandatory for youth 15 and under.