

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Transportation & Economic Development

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 4/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides that off road operating permit for all-terrain vehicle must be issued in form of identification plate rather than decal if vehicle is not otherwise registered with Department of Transportation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED: To be filled in after April 10 public hearing and possible work session.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Rep. Buckley will introduce and review effect of -2 amendments (20 pages).

BACKGROUND: A large number of Oregonians enjoy responsible riding in designated off-roading areas throughout the state. However, a growing number of land owners in the state have experienced trespassing, property damage to both their land and fencing, and the loss of livestock. These actions have also disrupted outdoor activities such as hunting, angling, hiking, and equestrian riding.

Oregon titled off-roading vehicles until 1995. House Bill 2725 would require all off-roading vehicles (class I, III, IV) to be titled in the State of Oregon. Titling is currently optional for such vehicles because they are classified as private property. There are two benefits to titling: (1) creating a database to verify owner’s information such as home address, vehicle PIN (property identification number) number, make and model, and (2) stolen off road vehicles could be returned to their owner because there would be legal documentation of ownership.

House Bill 2725 would remove the law requiring witnesses to physically identify the person driving the off-roading vehicle and hold the owner of the off road vehicle responsible for any damage to state or private lands.