

<u>Testimony for SB 192</u>		<u>Testimony for HB2267</u>	
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Chair, members of the committee, thank you. My name is Barrett Brown. I'm a lifelong trail rider who grew up with my parents and grandparents recreating on motorized trails in Oregon and I've been lucky enough to raise my son riding with his grandparents with the same awesome shared interest and intergenerational bond.

I've come today to recommend that you table this bill for further consideration and possible improvement by Oregon's very healthy and active ATV stakeholder organizations, such as those facilitated by OPRD and ODF, the Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association. But most importantly, for consideration by the Oregon ATV Advisory Committee.

It's important to say that I'm not suggesting that you, as legislators, should cede your lawmaking authority to some special interest group or lobbyist. After some extremely contentious debates here, Oregon's ATV Advisory Committee was specifically established, by statute, to help future legislators and others succeed when considering ways to improve safety, sustainability and a positive future for ATV recreation. And great things have been achieved because of that foresight.

Imagine a community with an ATV recreation area that want's to leverage the millions of dollars in annual economic activity already happening by building a campground a little ways down a paved road from that recreation area. Groups and families would have to be split up.

Imagine a group of 12 people riding a linear-type trail that passes a small community. The same problem would present itself.

Finally, for a positive future for ATV recreation and to maximizing the economic development opportunity available to some of our communities, buy-in, self-compliance and enforceability must be front of mind when we craft these laws. (Another area where the Oregon ATV Advisory Committee can be so very helpful.) For example, splitting up families and riding groups at trails end, or at campgrounds would be inviting difficulty, also, as the law currently exists, if a community or local road authority invites ATVs into their town, local law enforcement knows exactly what they are seeing, from a distance.

Thank you again for your service, and for your consideration today.

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