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Meeting Dates: 2/23, 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits Class I, Class II or Class IV all-terrain vehicles to be operated on state and interstate highways under certain conditions, including: operating vehicle within boundaries of a county with a population of 20,000 or fewer; meeting the vehicle equipment standards approved by the Oregon Department of Transportation; being authorized by a road authority; posting of signs providing notice of all-terrain vehicles being permitted on portions of highways; and displaying of slow-moving emblem if all-terrain vehicle is not capable of operating at the speed limit or designated speed under ORS 810.180. Requires all-terrain vehicles operated on highways to fulfill financial responsibility requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

(-5 amendment): The State Parks and Recreation Department shall convene a work group that includes users of all-terrain vehicles, all-terrain vehicle dealers, staff from the Department of Transportation and other individuals whom the State Parks and Recreation Department deems necessary, for the purpose of examining options for allowing users of all-terrain vehicles to operate on state highways. The Department shall submit a report no later than September 15, 2016.

BACKGROUND: A portion of constituents from rural Oregon, specifically members of farming and ranching communities, are interested in utilizing the highway system on their all-terrain vehicles to move from one field to another for feeding livestock, mending fences and general maintenance on property bordering highways. Additionally, there are cities in rural communities (i.e. John Day, Canyon City, Prairie City, Seneca, Mt. Vernon, Long Creek, etc.) where all-terrain vehicles are allowed within the city limits and the highway system conveniently connects two cities. Senate Bill 192 would facilitate mobility for rural Oregonians in both of these situations.