

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/01/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments And Requesting Referral To Ways And Means.
(Printed A-Engrossed.)

Meeting Dates: 02/23, 04/01

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley, Thomsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the State Parks and Recreation Department to 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. Directs Department to submit a report to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2016.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- All-terrain vehicle use in rural Oregon
- Connectivity between trails, state highways and interstate highway system in rural Oregon
- Safety concerns with all-terrain vehicles on interstate highway system

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces original measure.

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 192A creates a work group to study ways to facilitate mobility for rural Oregonians in both of these situations.