

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation and Economic Development

MEASURE: HB 3455 A
CARRIER: Rep. Weidner

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/15/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 04/08, 04/15

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Bentz, Davis, Hack, Lively, McKeown, McLain

Exc: 1 - Gorsek

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases membership of All-Terrain Vehicle Advisory Committee from 14 to 16 members, adding one representative of a rural fire protection district and one representative of emergency medical services providers. Directs Parks and Recreation Department to establish and operate outreach program to inform law enforcement agencies, rural fire protection districts and emergency medical services providers about the grant process for moneys from the All-Terrain Vehicle Account.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Instances of injuries occurring in remote areas
- Provides needed expertise for Advisory Committee
- Importance of involving riding community in decision-making process
- Potential impact to All-Terrain Vehicle Account

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND:

The All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Advisory Committee, situated within the Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation (OPRD), is composed of 14 voting members and one non-voting OPRD member, all appointed by the State Parks and Recreation Commission. The Advisory Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Commission on all issues relating to ATV use, including off-highway vehicle classifications, safety requirements for all four classes of ATV, and for future funding of grant projects.

For grant proposals, there exists also an ATV Grant Subcommittee which interacts with the public to review and make recommendations regarding the funding of ATV and off-highway vehicle grants for the following categories: operation and maintenance; law enforcement; emergency services; land acquisition; planning; and future development of trail opportunities. Projects are funded by moneys from the ATV Account, and require an affirmative vote of four of the seven subcommittee members.