

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/20/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 04/20

Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Monroe, Riley, Thomsen

Nays: 1 - Girod

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Changes requirements for operating moped or motorcycle by allowing person to stand or stand astride while operating moped or motorcycle. Declares changes to ORS 814.200 with this act only apply to offenses committed on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Safety concerns about standing while operating a moped or motorcycle
- Other states' laws governing motorcycle and moped operation
- Origins of current law
- Standing while operating moped or motorcycle versus standing on moving moped or motorcycle

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 878 will allow motorcycle and moped riders to stand while operating the vehicles similar to when a bicyclists stands to absorb bumps in the road or gain a more comfortable position.