

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

MEASURE: SB 878
CARRIER: Rep. Lively

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/01/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/18, 06/01

Vote:

Yeas: 7 - Bentz, Davis, Gorsek, Hack, Lively, McKeown, McLain

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Changes the requirement for operating a moped or motorcycle by allowing a person to stand or stand astride while operating the vehicle.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Designed to improve safety and comfort of riders
- Will not enable “trick riding”
- Number of citations issued for this violation

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, a person operating a motorcycle or moped is required to sit astride the vehicle seat, facing forward and with one leg on each side of the vehicle (ORS 814.200). The offense is designated a Class B traffic violation, punishable by a maximum fine of \$1,000. Senate Bill 878 specifies that a rider complies with ORS 814.200 if they are sitting or standing astride the motorcycle or moped while operating the vehicle.