

HB 2910 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Transportation Policy

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires snowmobiles and certain all-terrain vehicle to cross highway at intersection or 100 feet from intersection. Allows a road authority to authorize incidental use of highway right of way by all-terrain vehicles, including paved portion, shoulder, inside bank or slope, and median of any divided highway that the road authority has designated as an all-terrain access route. Establishes All-Terrain Vehicle Access Routes Advisory Committee and directs the Oregon Transportation Commission to designate all-terrain access routes in the state in cooperation with the Committee. Directs the State Parks and Recreation Department to assist the Committee in performance of the Committee's duties.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Sign requirement
- Permissive to local political subdivisions
- Potential effect on local economies
- Should there be a requirement for liability insurance
- Requirement for 16 year old to have valid drivers license or direct supervision

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Amends statute to allow All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) crossing at an intersection, or at least 100 feet away from an intersection; clarifies that when crossing an intersection within a municipality the municipalities' riding rules apply and when outside of a municipality the recreational rules apply; provides exemption from vehicle equipment rules; allows Department of Transportation to develop rules for when equipment rules apply to ATV's when allowed on road by law; provides new provisions specifying safety procedures when ATV's are operating on a State Highway ATV Access Route; and amends statute to allow that on-road uses if these vehicles should be accounted for and not treated as non-highway uses with respect to State Highway Funds.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2910 was introduced as a work product of a work group established by Senate Bill 192 (2015) to examine options for allowing all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on state highways. The work group focused on how the state could assist local communities in their effort to link ATV riding opportunities on public lands with local community overnight amenities such as motels, restaurants, and gas stations.

The All-Terrain Vehicle Advisory Committee was established under the authority of the State Parks and Recreation Commission and is responsible for reviewing accidents and fatalities resulting from all-terrain vehicle recreation, changes to statutory vehicle classifications, safety features of all classes of off-highway vehicles, and recommending appropriate safety requirements to protect child operators. Currently, there is no authority authorized to establish all-terrain vehicle access routes across a portion of highways. The advisory committee created by House Bill 2910 would be responsible for establishing ATV access routes, taking into consideration safety, road conditions, minimizing adverse effects on adjacent landowners, and consistency with local all-terrain use.