

HB 2910 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation Policy

Carrier: Rep. Barreto

Action Date: 03/22/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Evans, McKeown, McLain, Meek, Noble, Vial, Wilson, Witt

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires snowmobiles and certain all-terrain vehicles to cross highway at intersection or more than 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 Advisory Committee. Directs the State Parks and Recreation Department to assist the Advisory Committee in performance of the Committee's duties.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Allows 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 municipality's 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 ATVs when allowed on road by law; provides new provisions specifying safety procedures for operating ATVs on a State Highway ATV Access Route. Allows on-road uses of ATVs should be accounted for and not treated as non-highway uses with respect to State Highway Fund moneys.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2910-A was introduced as a 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

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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-A 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.