

HB 3125 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation Policy

Carrier: Rep. Vial

Action Date: 04/12/17

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: Has minimal revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines an autocycle. Clarifies that a Class C license is required for operation of an autocycle. Directs the Oregon Department of Transportation to report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2021 on changes to federal law related to autocycles. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Confusion between Class C license and whether or not a motorcycle endorsement is required to drive autocycles
- Difference between federal and state requirements
- Difference between the operation of an autocycle and a motorcycle

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Current law does not recognize the autocycle as a different mode of transportation from a motorcycle or a three-wheel motorcycle. The primary difference is that an autocycle seats two abreast in seats similar to a car. A three-wheel motorcycle can seat up to two, but riders straddle the three-wheel motorcycle. 29 states currently have autocycle laws either recognizing an autocycle as a motorcycle subtype or as its own mode of transportation.

HB 3125-A defines an autocycle as a motorcycle with three wheels, a steering wheel, nonstraddle seating, and passenger restraints.