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SUBJECT: HB 2566, title and registration of all-terrain vehicles

INTRODUCTION

House Bill 2566 would require all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) to obtain title and registration from DMV. This new program would require significant resources and would put DMV's major IT system project at risk.

DISCUSSION

Under Oregon law there are four classifications of the different types of ATVs:

- Class I: 4-wheelers with straddle seats and handle bars ("quads")
- Class II: Trucks, Jeeps, and SUVs used off-road, and sand-rails
- Class III: Off-road motorcycles
- Class IV: Side-by-sides with seats and a steering wheel

Current law requires registration, and therefore a title, for those Class II and Class III vehicles that are allowed to be operated on the road and that actually are operated on the road. If they are not so operated, they are not required to have either title or registration. For Class I and IV, they are not legal for highway use and therefore cannot legally obtain registration. However, the law allows the owners to obtain a title – an ownership document – for any of these vehicles if they choose to get one.

Also, current law requires ATVs operating on public land to obtain a permit from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). According to data from OPRD, over the last several years approximately 80,000 ATVs have obtained a permit. The fee is \$10.

HB 2566 would require ATVs of all classes to obtain title and registration through DMV. (While the bill does not address titles specifically, existing statute requires that any vehicle registered with DMV must also have a title.) The registration is shown by a number attached to the ATV body, with stickers or paint, and a sticker showing the years of validity. Based on estimates from OPRD and data in DMV's system, approximately 130,000 ATVs would need DMV registration, and the vast majority of those would also need a DMV title.

DMV would need significant resources to implement this new program. Because work involving ATVs is not eligible for Highway Funds, all costs would need to be borne by fees or some other funding source. In addition, DMV is in the middle of a multi-year, \$90 million Service Transformation Program (STP) with a large IT component. The new ATV title and registration program could not be in place by the effective date, and even at a later date the STP would be put at risk.

SUMMARY

HB 2566 would require all ATVs to be titled and registered with DMV. This is a new program and a large body of work that will require significant resources and would put the successful completion of STP at risk.