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RE: Testimony on SB 107

Co-Chairs Beyer and McLain, Members of the Committee,

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) requests your support for SB 107 to update the definition of Class IV ATVs and remove requirements for windshield wipers on certain ATVs.

In 2019, HB 2592 included a change to the definition of Class IV all-terrain vehicles to allow wider and heavier vehicles into the category. The definition did not adjust tire size leaving similar vehicles with differing size tires in different vehicle classifications. This is confusing for the public, ATV dealers, land managers and law enforcement trying to determine what class type a vehicle is and which trails it is allowed to ride on.

In order to move away from continual adjustments of the definition, SB 107 would align the definition of a Class IV ATV with a broader industry standard. Based on the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard ATVs with an engine size up to 1000 cc would be considered Class IV.

SB 107 also includes a simplification of regulations around windshield wipers. Current statute requires any ATV with a windshield to also have windshield wipers. In many ATVs, wipers are not standard equipment and do not work for half or plexi-glass windshields. SB 107 would eliminate windshield wiper requirements in favor of a standard for maintaining an unobstructed view to ease the burden for riders and law enforcement.



SB 107 was developed based on recommendations of OPRD's ATV Safety Education Committee an appointed, volunteer group of ATV riders, first responders and agency representatives who advise OPRD on ATV safety requirements.