



Tina Kotek, Governor

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Co-chairs Gorsek and McLain, Co-Vice Chairs Boquist and Boshart Davis and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 889. For the record, I am Chris Havel with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). SB 889 was requested by the agency with the support of the ATV Advisory Committee. As directed by ORS 390.565 the ATV Advisory Committee is comprised of 17 appointed volunteer members including ATV riders, law enforcement, first responders, land managers and ODOT to review and provide advice on ATV classifications in Oregon.

SB 889 updates the definition of Class IV All-Terrain Vehicles to reflect changes in technology and clarifies windshield requirements on ATVs.

The current definition for Class IV ATVs limit rim size to 14 inches or less. Technology for side-by-sides (class IV) has changed with many people now using 15-inch rims on their vehicles. SB 889 would eliminate references to tire size and instead align the definition for class IV vehicles with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard of 1000cc engine size.

In addition, SB 889 would change the windshield wiper requirements for ATVs. ATV riders have had issues with the requirement of windshield wipers on ATVs. Many after-market windshields do not come with a wiper. Many riders choose to add or remove the windshield throughout the year based on weather and dust conditions and the wiring of the wiper makes switching windshields very difficult. Additionally, many windshields are plexiglass and cannot have a wiper because it will scratch the surface. An amendment to SB 889 being proposed would require windshield wipers on road if the windshield were more than 6 inches above the steering wheel and when off-road simply require windshields to remain free from obstruction.