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Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Co-Vice Chairs Boquist and Boshart Davis and members of the Committee,

The All-Terrain Vehicle Advisory Committee requests your support for SB 889. This bill updates the definition of Class IV All-Terrain Vehicles to reflect changes in technology and clarifies windshield requirements.

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. This then makes it a Class II vehicle. The ANSI Standard for side-by-side is 1000cc engine size. SB 889 aligns the definition of Class IV vehicles with this standard. We feel this is a better definer for these types of vehicles.

Class II ATVs have a broad “catch-all” definition, so that if a vehicle does not meet the definition of another Class, then they are considered a Class II Vehicle. If a vehicle exceeds the engine size or tire size in another class, they are considered a Class II ATV, as opposed to illegal for any category. In general, the only difference in requirements is that Class II Vehicles are required to have liability insurance.

ATV riders have also had issues with the requirement of windshield wipers on ATVs. Many after-market windshields do not come with a wiper. Adding a wiper can raise the cost of an \$1,100 windshield to about \$2,000. 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. SB 889 would eliminate the requirement for windshield wipers on ATVs and simply require windshields to remain free from obstruction. The ATV Advisory Committee, as directed by ORS 390.565, is made up of 17 members including ATV riders, law enforcement, first responders, land managers and state agencies. We feel SB 889 is needed to help make side-by-side operation safer and clarify rules regarding side-by-sides that benefit both the rider/driver and law enforcement.

Sincerely,

ATV Advisory Committee

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