
OREGON'S SNOWMOBILING FAMILIES REQUEST A REGISTRATION FEE INCREASE FROM \$10 TO \$30

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Chair Gorsek and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon State Snowmobile Association (OSSA) is a non-profit organization formed in 1972 by a small group of snowmobilers working to find a way to provide a groomed statewide trail system and to assure continued access to our public lands. We are currently an organization with twenty-five member clubs across the state, and a trail system of 6,410 miles of multi-use snowmobile trails. We promote safe and responsible snowmobiling, represent snowmobilers as an organized group, and promote proper recreational use of our land by working together with the Forest Service, BLM, and other land managers to develop and maintain a quality trail system and winter recreation opportunities. Our mission, briefly stated, is to protect, promote and enhance the family sport of snowmobiling.

Currently, snowmobiles pay ODOT \$10 for a two-year registration. The fee has not changed in at least thirty years. Through the end of the 23-25 biennia, DMV charged \$6.27 to process a registration transaction, and sent the remaining \$3.73 to the dedicated snowmobile fund, used for grooming trails and ensuring the safety of snowmobiling on public lands.

Starting July 1, 2025, ODOT begin assessing a \$14 processing fee on the \$10 transaction. This means ODOT is now debiting the snowmobile grooming fund just to process a registration.

OSSA requested Senate Bill 1565 to increase the two-year snowmobile registration fee from \$10 to \$30. This will give DMV the \$14 they require and provide increased funding to the snowmobile trail grooming fund.

Washington State currently charges \$50 annually. Idaho currently charges \$45.50 annually. And California is charging \$54 for a two-year registration. So, even with the requested increase, Oregon will continue to be a bargain registration.

We are unaware of any opposition to the long overdue fee adjustment.

***Good Bill, Should Pass
Please support Senate Bill 1565.
I am happy to answer any questions. Thank you.***