HB 2566 -1, -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires owners of all-terrain vehicles to register their all-terrain vehicle, if the vehicle is not otherwise registered in Oregon.

NOTE - measure has a subsequent referral to the Committee on Ways and Means

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces original measure. Directs State Marine Board to issue registration and title for all-terrain vehicles. Prohibits operation of non-registered or non-titled all-terrain vehicles except in certain circumstances. Designates violation of title or registration requirement as Class D traffic violation. Creates the All-Terrain Vehicle Registration and Title Account and continuously appropriates moneys in Account to the State Marine Board for expenses in administering title and registration requirements for all-terrain vehicles. Designates operative date of January 1, 2021 for Class IV, January 1, 2022 for Class I, and January 1, 2023 for Class III all-terrain vehicles.

-2 Modifies definition of Class III all-terrain vehicle to increase maximum dry weight from 1,800 pounds to 2,500 pounds, and maximum width for 65 inches to 80 inches.

BACKGROUND:

All-terrain vehicles, also known as ATVs, fall under four classifications: Class I ATVs are generally three- or four-wheeled, weigh less than 1,200 pounds, and use straddle seats and handlebar steering; Class II ATVs are larger vehicles and are typically off-road capable versions of street-legal vehicles; Class III ATVs are off-road motorcycles or dirt bikes; and Class IV ATVs, typically called side-by-sides or utility terrain vehicles (UTVs), are smaller than Class II ATVs but share similar structures and use non-straddle seating and steering wheels.

Under current law, Class I, III, and IV ATVs are exempt from vehicle registration requirements. House Bill 2566 makes these vehicles subject to registration, as well as Class II ATVs that are not already registered as motor vehicles in Oregon. Moneys generated from ATV registration are to be transferred to the ATV Account.