

CO-Chairs Gorseck and McLain, Vice Chairs Boquist and Boshart Davis, Members of the committee,

Thank you for allowing me to share my experiences and support for House Bill 3248 which would allow ATVs to be licensed for on-road use in Oregon.

Over my many years of experience with ATV/OHV riding in Oregon and other states, it is considerably more difficult to be able to camp and access open riding areas in Oregon. This is due to limited access to open riding areas from legal camp areas (state/county/private or boon docking).

Currently we spend extensive time researching all maps available (forestry, MVU, county, Avenza, sxs groups, Polaris Ride Command and more). Through this we have found many riding areas that you cannot access without towing your ATV/OHV to the location to ride from. Usually there is minimal parking and no place to camp. To stay on legal routes is very complex.

Our experience in other states (Arizona, Utah, Idaho) their current laws make it clear and simple to understand legal routes, by allowing those with proper licensing and equipment. You can cross highways to access additional routes, you can ride on specific roads allowing routes to be connected. It is not uncommon for the SxS community to go on 150-mile rides in a day. These states systems also allow access to facilities (gas, food, parts). Destination rides in our opinion is one of the most enjoyable parts of ATV/OHV riding. Whether it be to a town to learn about their history and support local businesses, historical sites, or attractions.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this improvement for the great state of Oregon.

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