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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed legislation that permits a person to operate Class I, Class III, and Class IV all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on highways that are not interstate highways, provided that the ATVs meet vehicle equipment standards and are registered.

As a passionate advocate for outdoor recreation and responsible vehicle use, I believe this legislation will have numerous benefits for our community. Allowing ATVs to operate on certain highways will not only enhance accessibility and convenience for ATV enthusiasts but also promote tourism and economic growth in our region. Many rural areas rely on outdoor recreational activities as a significant source of income, and this legislation will help bolster those local economies. We live in a La Pine and this would be a big economic growth for our small community. We have a large area to ride and the current law makes it difficult to get to the different areas without trailering from one to the other.

Furthermore, the requirement for ATVs to meet vehicle equipment standards and be registered ensures that safety remains a top priority. By adhering to these standards, we can minimize the risk of accidents and ensure that all ATV operators are well-prepared to navigate the highways safely.

In addition to the economic and safety benefits, this legislation will also encourage responsible ATV use and foster a sense of community among outdoor enthusiasts. It provides an opportunity for ATV riders to explore new areas and connect with fellow riders, all while adhering to established guidelines and regulations.

I wholeheartedly support this important legislation and believe it will help create a safer, more accessible, and economically vibrant environment for all ATV users. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Molly Hartenberger