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As a 29 year resident of Oregon and Owner of class IV all-terrain vehicles, I support legalization of allowing vehicles on highways that are not interstate highways if the all-terrain vehicle meets vehicle equipment standards and the all-terrain vehicle is registered. I own two class IV SXS's and both are registered by an LLC in another state and are street legal. Both have on road car insurance and all of the DOT required safety features. We have made trips to states where class IV vehicles are legal to drive streets and highways that are not interstate highways and the trips are enjoyable, we have less stress getting to recreation areas, and do not have such a high impact to local roads by using our toy hauler to get to the recreation area from our camping area. Driving the SXS's to recreation areas is in my opinion safer for road travel than loading them up in trailers and UTV racks. Significantly less fuel is consumed than when towing a trailer or toyhauler to get a SXS to a recreation area. Parking areas for OHV areas would not fill up as fast and provide more opportunity for people to use the recreation areas.

The Sate of Oregon is missing out on revenue that could be made from allowing people to register their OHV's for road use.

There are certain counties and towns in Oregon that allow OHV use on streets. There has been no significant increase in accidents in those areas that I am aware of.

It is just common sense to allow these types of vehicles on the streets in Oregon as long as they have the proper safety equipment installed and are registered.

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