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On Behalf Of: Self  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3155

Dear Oregon Legislators,  
I would like to submit my testimony regarding House Bill 3155. I live in Hermiston, OR, a small town with a lot of farming. Riding ATVs, UTVs, and dirt bikes is a way of life here. Being able to ride them on the street to refuel and to get to different places would be helpful. I have seen street-legal off-road vehicles in many other states with very little consequence to drivers of cars. Recently, I was in Utah and was able to ride my dirt bike on the streets to get from point A to point B. This was in a similarly sized city to Hermiston and increased tourism because people would come there to ride their motorcycles and ATVs off-road without having to load them onto a trailer to get from one side of the town to the other. Another example is St. George, UT. The city is much larger than Hermiston, and they ride four-wheelers, motorcycles, and side-by-sides all over the town on major roads with little impact on anyone else. Additionally, allowing off-road vehicles on local streets could increase recreational fees for the state of Oregon if people bought a tag to ride on the streets. Thus, I am in support of the measure to allow off-road vehicles on local streets. Thank you for your time and your vote.  
Sincerely,  
Mark McPherson