

# On behalf of the Oregon Motorcycle Rider's Association

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1 **Joint Committee on Transportation, 83rd Oregon Legislative Assembly, 2025**

2 **In support of HB 2232, amending ORS:821.320**

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4 Directs the State Parks and Recreation Department to adopt certain equipment standards  
5 for off-road vehicles instead of the other agencies.

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7 **Honorable co-chairs, members of the committee**

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9 **Whereas** the people of Oregon have a paramount interest in the cost-effective and responsive  
10 administration of public policy;

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12 **Whereas**, so that the people of Oregon and the communities around ATV (Off-Highway Vehicle)  
13 recreation areas can continue to enjoy the tremendous recreation and economic benefits these  
14 activities provide to them, administrative rules for ATV (Off-Highway Vehicle) sound level regulation  
15 and testing procedures must be updated timely and pro-actively to meet rapidly evolving equipment  
16 and technology, and evolving best management practices around use, set and settings;

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18 **Whereas** the Department of Environmental Quality clarified in a 2003 internal management  
19 directive number AQ.00.010 that, upon legislative approval, the department had terminated its noise  
20 control program and has no authority or resources to work on noise issues

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22 **Whereas** the people of Oregon and the legislature have vested within OPRD broad ATV rule-making  
23 authority in the areas of specialized ATV (Off-Highway Vehicle) law enforcement officer training, rider  
24 safety education, ATV (Off-Highway Vehicle) permitting, and regulation of public ATV (Off-highway  
25 Vehicle) recreation areas;

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27 **Whereas** OPRD's history with the management of several ATV (Off-highway Vehicle) issue standing  
28 public committees, both organized by the department and created by the State Legislature, makes the  
29 department the most efficient, trusted and well-connected agency to execute the public processes  
30 associated with ATV (Off-highway Vehicle) sound level and required equipment rule-making;

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32 **Whereas** OPRD currently contracts with the leading ATV (Off-highway Vehicle) sound-level  
33 engineering firms to assist in all aspects of OPRD's efforts around sound-level monitoring, testing, and  
34 training;

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36 **Whereas** the Department of Environmental Quality lacks the aforementioned advantages to  
37 efficiently respond to the sound regulatory needs, and the Department of Transportation lacks the  
38 aforementioned advantages to respond efficiently to the equipment regulatory needs described herein;

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40 **Whereas** the ATV (Off-highway Vehicle) community developed legislation, passed in 1986, creating a  
41 funding mechanism using their registration fee and highway fuel tax dollars, which the Oregon Parks  
42 and Recreation Department manages for the sustainable provision, management, and regulation of  
43 ATV (Off-highway Vehicle) recreation, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is uniquely  
44 positioned to most efficiently develop these rules.

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46 We urge your yes vote on the proposal

47 Thank you