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

Dear Oregon Department of Transportation and to all that this concerns.

I am writing to urge Oregon to consider legalizing the use of side-by-sides (RZR) on main roads with proper regulations. Many other states have already implemented laws allowing these vehicles on public roads, providing both economic and recreational benefits while maintaining safety standards.

Side-by-sides are more than just off-road vehicles; they are practical, fuel-efficient, and safer than motorcycles, which are already legal on public roads. Allowing them on main roads would:

- Boost tourism and local businesses by encouraging off-road enthusiasts to travel to Oregon.
- Provide a cost-effective transportation option for rural communities.
- Increase safety by giving riders a legal and regulated way to access trails, businesses, and residential areas without needing trailers.

We support reasonable requirements such as safety equipment (turn signals, mirrors, seat belts, and proper lighting), speed limits, and specific road-use regulations. This change would benefit residents and businesses while aligning Oregon with other states that have successfully legalized side-by-sides on public roads.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this request. Please let me know how we can work together to make this a reality for Oregon.

Sincerely,
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