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I ask that you support this bill. There will be increased revenue across the state because of it, and it will benefit the Oregonians that would be utilizing their UTV's from running errands, commuting to work, or weekend recreation. I know that my UTV uses far less fuel than even my most economical vehicle, and Oregonians that utilize them will feel the benefit of this in our bank accounts. Living in Clatskanie, I'm often traveling into Longview WA located in Washington's Cowlitz County. The town has a population of 37,818 as of the 2020 census, and Cowlitz County has already passed a bill allowing UTV's to access public roads. People are using them to navigate their path through this large city to run errands, go to work, whatever they feel like doing because they have followed the requirements and spent their money to register their vehicle with the state (money Oregon would also benefit from if passed). I drive one mile south and cross the Oregon border and now it's illegal. I feel that it's time for Oregon to give the people what they are asking for with this bill.

thank you
Gabe Shefstad