

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

Dear Member on the Joint Committee on Transportation:

I am writing to OPPOSE HB 3155 - the bill that permits a person to operate an ATV on highways in Oregon that are not interstate highways. I oppose this bill for the following reasons.

1. ATV's can legally operate in the following Oregon counties: Baker, Coos, Douglas, Grant, Lake and Union. This is a lot of access for those who wish to use it, and also leaves space for those of us in Oregon who do NOT use ATV's.
2. ATV's are noisy, polluting and dangerous. ATV use is not easy to share space with.
3. My husband and I recently traveled to Moab, Utah. We loved everything there except the constant rumble of the legal ATV's that motored around town, picking up fast food on their way to ride the trails outside of Moab. The noise and exhaust from these vehicles made our time in Moab much less enjoyable. We ended up hiking ONLY in the National Parks because we did NOT want to share the trail with a noisy, dust making ATV (usually run in groups of 6-10 in Moab, increasing the noise and dust factor!)
4. As a hiker and X-C skier, I enjoy getting out to hike and ski in the forest and mountains of our beautiful state. I do NOT like to share these quiet moments with noisy vehicles, so I stay away from areas that allow ATV's (like the Oregon Dunes) and areas that allow Snowmobiles.
5. As a motorist on our highways and bicyclist on our roads, I don't wish to share the road with yet more traffic. There is already a problem with the lack of enforcement for speeding - who will enforce ATV's being street legal?

Thank you for taking the time to read the reasons why I OPPOSE HB 3155. The ATV riders have plenty of places to ride. They don't need any more. Please do your part to protect the desires of everyday Oregonians.

Sincerely,
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