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Bill Title: Relating to snowmobiles; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Transportation

Summary of Fiscal Impact: Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - see explanatory analysis.

Summary of Revenue Impact: The projected revenue impact is included in the Revenue Impact Statement (RIS) produced by the Legislative Revenue Office (LRO).

Measure Description

This measure increases snowmobile registration and registration renewal fees charged by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), from \$10 to \$30.

Fiscal Analysis

The increase in snowmobile registration fees from \$10 to \$30 is projected to increase this revenue by \$107,000 Other Funds in the 2025-27 biennium and \$240,000 Other Funds in the 2027-29 biennium, based on an estimated 6,000 snowmobile registrations each fiscal year. The total amount of revenue generated from registration fees is approximately \$360,000 per biennium (\$120,000 in existing registration revenue and \$240,000 in new revenue). With the increase in fees, half of the funds will go to ODOT's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and half to the agency's Snowmobile Fund.

Fee revenue is first distributed to DMV to cover the costs of processing snowmobile registrations. ODOT receives \$14.31 for each snowmobile registration processed, based on the cost per transaction amount determined by the DMV Cost of Service Study. This amount exceeds the current \$10 fee amount, so ODOT must cover the costs of processing registrations with other DMV fees.

After administrative costs, remaining snowmobile registration fee moneys are deposited in the Snowmobile Fund. The Snowmobile Fund consists primarily of a portion of fuel tax revenues that are attributable to snowmobile use, which is estimated to total \$834,000 this year, with a secondary source of funding from snowmobile registration fees, which will total approximately \$92,000 each year under this measure. ODOT contracts with the Oregon State Snowmobile Association (OSSA) for maintenance of snowmobile trails and pays a maximum of \$1.1 million each year to OSSA, upon receipt of an invoice and a report of accomplishments for the billing period. The Snowmobile Fund has a current balance of approximately \$2 million.

ORS 821.320, which establishes snowmobile registration and permit fees, was last amended in 1999, though it is not clear if snowmobile registration fees were actually changed at that time. Because the amount DMV assesses for the costs of processing registration fees will change with the next Cost of Service Study, it is not clear how long this fee increase will be sufficient to pay for DMV costs to register snowmobiles; however, if per transaction costs are not covered by the revenue from the fee specific to that transaction, DMV is able to use revenue from other types of fees to cover any shortfall.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.