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**Eastern Oregon Speed Limit Bill Approved By Legislature**

*HB 3402 Increases Speed Limits On Select Highways And Freeways In Eastern Oregon*

**Salem, OR** – HB 3402, which raises the speed limit on select highways and freeways in eastern Oregon, received final approval from the Oregon Legislature last week. The bill allows for modest increases in the allowable speed limit for rural areas on select sections of highway.

Representative Sherrie Sprenger, a former sheriff's deputy, spoke in favor of the bill, arguing that the portions of highway impacted by the bill are so remote and so infrequently traveled, a higher speed limit would be safe and appropriate.

During the House public hearing in April, information was presented that showed that automobile engineering has advanced to a level that makes a modest speed increase reasonably safe. The Oregon Department of Transportation supports the increase and noted that the current average speed driven on Oregon roadways is over 70 mph.

"Many constituents from across eastern Oregon have sent emails and made phone calls in support of this bill," said Rep. Barreto. "I'm proud to have been a part of this bipartisan effort to update our speed limits and improve the quality of life in Oregon. I would like to thank Rep. Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario) for his help and support of this bill."

HB 3402 passed the House 52-5 and the Senate 22-6. The bill now awaits final approval from the Governor.

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