

HCS HB 1124 -- OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

SPONSOR: Kolkmeier

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 15 to 0.

This bill changes the laws regarding all-terrain vehicles, recreational off-highway vehicles, and utility vehicles. Currently, an all-terrain vehicle and a recreational off-highway vehicle must have a seat designed to be straddled by the operator or a seat designed to carry more than one person and specific steering controls. The bill removes these requirements. The maximum allowable width of a recreational off-highway vehicle is increased from 64 inches to 65 inches. The maximum width of a utility vehicle is increased from 63 inches to 65 inches and the maximum unladen dry weight is increased from 1,850 pounds to 2,000 pounds.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill brings the definitions up to date with the types of vehicles on the market. Currently, ATV parks in Missouri do not allow people to ride certain vehicles in the parks due to the current definitions.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Kolkmeier; Polaris Corporation; and Tony Sheppard, America

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.