



Please Vote YES on HB 16-1030

Local Government Regulation of Off-Highway Vehicles

Sponsors: Reps. Brown and Court/Sen. Donovan

The recreational use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) is an important tourism amenity in Colorado. A wide number of our counties – primarily on the Western Slope and in the San Luis Valley - have tourism economies that are dependent upon attracting OHV riders to their communities. Many of these counties have spent years working on programs and designating road networks that attract thousands of riders from across the country each year. The terrain in these counties varies greatly, from the mountainous jeep roads in Southwest Colorado to gentler, more family-friendly terrain in Northwest Colorado.

Colorado Counties, Inc. has been engaged in a stakeholder process for the past several years to work on the safe use of OHVs on designated county roads throughout the state. This stakeholder process included county commissioners, county sheriffs, the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition, Colorado State Patrol, the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Children’s Hospital, CML, Club 20, AGNC and a number of environmental groups.

HB 1030 clarifies that local governments adopting ordinances to require a driver’s license and/or liability insurance for operators on municipal streets or county roads are not in conflict with Division of Parks and Wildlife regulations on OHV use. The bill also allows municipal governments to work with CDOT to establish at-grade crossings of state highways within their jurisdictions and makes clear that agricultural use of OHVs is **exempt** from local government ordinances. The bill is enabling in nature and respects local control and local decision-making regarding safe use of OHVs on our municipal streets and county roads.

CCI asks for your YES vote on HB 16-1030

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