



## Please Vote YES on HB18-1103

### Additional Safety Requirements for Operation of Off-Highway Vehicles are NOT in Conflict with State Rules

#### Sponsors: McLachlan/Coram

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. In many communities, riders are allowed to travel on county roads in order to access various trails in the county. This has put more OHV riders in direct proximity to the travelling public – necessitating additional safety measures.

Following several fatalities, Hinsdale County passed an ordinance this past year that requires safety belts, eye protection, helmets (for riders under 18), and other safety requirements for individuals operating OHVs on county roads. The county was notified by the state that they will not be eligible for grants from the State Trails Program because these local regulations are not in alignment with state park rules - which require only working brakes, headlight/taillights, mufflers and spark arrestors for OHVs.

HB 1103 simply clarifies that local governments adopting **additional** safety regulations for OHV operators on roads within the county's jurisdiction are not in conflict with state rules or statutes. Please note that agricultural use of OHVs is **exempt** from local government access and safety ordinances.

### Please Support Efforts to Make OHV Use on County Roads Safer

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