

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Off-highway vehicle recreation contributes over \$400 million annually to the Idaho economy. It is an economic boon to many rural communities. This bill is intended to generate greater economic activity in Idaho's rural communities by allowing OHVs to safely travel on portions of state highways to connect to trails and access needed services in rural areas. It restates Idaho Code 49-426 to provide that off-highway vehicles may be operated on all public roads, including state highways, so long as the road is not a controlled access state highway, such as an interstate or divided highway. For safety purposes, OHV travel on state highways is to be limited to areas where the speed limit is 60 miles per hour or less. OHV travel on state highways outside cities to be limited to 5 mile distances and only for purposes of connecting to or accessing off-road trails, or to access services such as fuel, lodging, food and beverage, or maintenance. OHVs must follow rules of the road, except speed cannot exceed 45 miles per hour. Provides an option for ITD and local jurisdictions to limit OHV road use, subject to public notice and public hearing process.

### FISCAL NOTE

No impact to the general fund. No impact to a dedicated fund. Existing roads and infrastructure will be utilized. OHVs contribute to existing infrastructure through fuels tax and restricted plate licensing fees.

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