

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	5 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Clem, Dingfelder, Macpherson, Maurer, Smith P.
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Boquist, Roblan
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/22, 3/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Amends definition of Class II all-terrain vehicle (ATV) to include motor vehicles being operated on a highway for agricultural purposes, including transportation between ranching or farming headquarters, agricultural fields or pastures. Requires person operating ATV to hold a valid driver license, comply with posted speed limits, and to drive as closely as practicable to the right-hand edge of highway. Requires ATV to be equipped with a lighted headlight and taillight and display a slow-moving vehicle emblem. Violation of the requirements for use of an ATV on a state highway for agricultural purposes is designated a Class D traffic violation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Definition of a Class II ATV
- Use of Class II ATVs for agricultural purposes

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The 2001 Legislative Assembly authorized the use of Class I all-terrain vehicles (ATV) on state highways for agricultural purposes. Class I ATVs are motorized, off-highway recreational vehicles 50 inches or less in width with a dry weight of 800 pounds or less. Class II ATVs weigh more than Class I ATVs. Because of their size and weight, Class II ATVs are increasingly popular for on-farm uses, including moving nursery plants, taking feed to livestock and hauling fruit bins. HB 2520 would authorize the use of Class II ATVs on state highways for agricultural purposes.