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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Members of the Off-Highway Vehicle Interim Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Overview of the Off-Highway Vehicle Interim Committee

This memorandum provides an overview of the membership of the Off-Highway Vehicle Interim Committee, the charge of the committee, bill limits and request deadlines applicable to the committee, and information regarding committee staff.

### Background and Committee Membership

The committee was created through Legislative Council Committee approval of Interim Committee Letter 2015-7, requested by Representative Court and Representative Brown. The committee was formed in order to resolve differences that arose during the 2015 session during consideration of House Bill 15-1054. The committee includes six legislative members, including three Representatives (two appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one appointed by the House Minority Leader), and three Senators (two appointed by the President of the Senate, and one appointed by the Senate Minority Leader) as shown in Table 1. The chair was appointed by the Speaker of the House and the vice-chair was appointed by the President of the Senate.

**Table 1  
Committee Membership**

Representatives	Senators
Rep. Lois Court, Chair	Sen. Ray Scott, Vice-chair
Rep. J. Paul Brown	Sen. Randy Baumgardner
Rep. Millie Hamner	Sen. Kerry Donovan

### Committee Details and Charge

As determined by the Legislative Council Committee, the committee may meet up to six times at the Capitol during the 2015 interim. Specific issues to be studied include: safety issues, access issues, and regulation necessary to operate off-highway vehicles on roads. The letter also outlined interested parties to work with the committee, including, but not limited to:

- representatives from the Agricultural and Natural Resources and Finance Committees;
- the Colorado State Patrol in the Department of Public Safety;
- County Commissioners;
- the Division of Parks and Wildlife in the Department of Natural Resources;
- the environmental community;
- hunting outfitter associations;
- off-road recreation clubs or associations;
- powersports dealers;
- Colorado sheriffs; and
- rural municipalities.

The first committee meeting, which is scheduled for **Monday, July 20, 2015, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in House Committee Room 271**, will consist of stakeholder presentations. The meeting schedule for the remainder of the interim will be decided at this first meeting. For meeting agendas, please visit the committee's website:

[www.colorado.gov/pacific/cga-legislativecouncil/2015-highway-vehicle-interim-committee](http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cga-legislativecouncil/2015-highway-vehicle-interim-committee)

## Committee Recommendations to Legislative Council

**Bill recommendation limits and approval.** The committee may recommend up to three bills for Legislative Council approval. Bills approved by the Legislative Council *do not* count against a member's five-bill limit for the regular legislative session.<sup>1</sup> Prior to voting on bills to report to the Legislative Council, a fiscal analysis must be prepared.<sup>2</sup> In order to ensure timely preparation of fiscal analyses of drafted legislation, the date by which the committee must make all requests for drafting is October 2, 2015. The committee must meet no later than November 2, 2015, in order to vote on bills to forward to the Legislative Council.

The Legislative Council must meet to review interim committee recommendations by November 15, 2015. Bills not approved by Legislative Council may be introduced in the regular session, but such bills *will* count against a member's five-bill limit. Interim committee bills must have prime sponsors prior to consideration by the Legislative Council.<sup>3</sup>

## Committee Staff

The Legislative Council Staff (LCS) and Office of Legislative Legal Services (OLLS) are charged with assisting the interim committee in its activities. If you have any questions or need additional information about the committee, please send an email to [ohvcomm.ga@state.co.us](mailto:ohvcomm.ga@state.co.us), or call the Legislative Council Main Office at 303-866-3521. In addition, individual staff member contact information is as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> Joint Rule 24 (b)(1)(D)

<sup>2</sup> As required by House Bill 15-1335.

<sup>3</sup> Joint Rule 24 (b)(1)(E)