

# HB 12-1066



## BUILDING A STRONG PARTNERSHIP WITH COLORADO'S CITIES AND TOWNS

To: Members of the House of Representatives  
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Subject: HB 12-1066 — Rep. Priola — Titling and registering ATVs

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### HB 12-1066 – YOUR OPPOSITION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED

HB 12-1066 allows the registration of off-highway vehicles, also known as all-terrain vehicles, and their use on public roads posted up to 45 mph with some additional exceptions.

For municipalities with a population greater than 5,000, the city council could allow these vehicles to travel on city streets by ordinance. For municipalities with fewer than 5,000 residents, off-road vehicles would be automatically permitted to travel on streets unless the council/town board passed an ordinance to prohibit their use.

- Municipalities currently have the authority to allow off-road vehicles to use city streets by passing an ordinance. About a half-dozen municipalities allow them to use some or all of their municipal streets.
- There are 195 Colorado municipalities with a population of fewer than 5,000. Passage of this bill would force nearly all of these cities and towns to go through the process of enacting an ordinance.
- The average cost to prepare, consider and enact an ordinance is about \$1,000.
- The current system requiring municipalities to enact an ordinance only if they want to permit off-road vehicles on the streets is more cost-effective.
- Safety is a concern. Off-road vehicles are designed for off-road use – not urban traffic.

### HB 12-1066 – YOUR “NO” VOTE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED