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# LEGAL UPDATE

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## ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND OFF-ROAD UTILITY VEHICLES ON HIGHWAYS INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 30, 2025

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**Co-chairpersons:** Senator Dan Zumbach, Representative Megan Jones

**Background.** The All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and Off-Road Utility Vehicles (UTVs) on Highways Interim Study Committee was established as an interim study committee pursuant to 2025 Iowa Acts, ch. 159. The committee is composed of six members of the General Assembly, including three members from each chamber. The committee is required to examine policy matters and recommend statutory changes relating to the operation of all-terrain vehicles and off-road utility vehicles on highways by January 12, 2026.

**Procedural Business.** The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. with members participating in-person at the State Capitol Building. The committee elected Senator Zumbach and Representative Jones as permanent Co-chairpersons and adopted procedural rules. The Co-chairpersons made opening remarks.

**Presentation — Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT), Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS), and Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR).** Mr. Larry Grant, State Safety Planner, Traffic and Safety Bureau, DOT, Lieutenant Wade Major, Iowa State Patrol, DPS, Ms. Jessica Flatt, Off-Highway Vehicles Program Manager, DNR, and Mr. Craig Cutts, Law Enforcement Bureau Chief, DNR, presented information to the committee regarding the operation of ATVs and UTVs on highways under current law, including crash and fatality statistics relating to the operation of ATVs and UTVs on highways, the enforcement of laws regulating the operation of ATVs and UTVs, and the registration of ATVs and UTVs. According to DOT statistics, 10 people were killed in ATV and UTV crashes in 2025 as of the date of the meeting. The DPS highlighted a cooperative approach between DOT, DPS, and DNR to educate the public on applicable ATV and UTV laws.

**Committee Discussion.** The committee asked questions to the presenters and discussed the operation of ATVs and UTVs on highways. The committee made no formal recommendations for statutory changes. The Co-chairpersons made closing remarks. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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