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OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING

June 17, 2026

STAFF REPORT: Legislative Update

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SUBJECT: California Legislation

Summary

This report provides summary excerpts and the status of legislation affecting the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program. Information contained in this report is accurate as of May 27, 2026.

Assembly Bill 1613 (Wilson) Vehicles: off-highway motor vehicle safety.

Summary: This bill would establish the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Safety and Stewardship Program, administered by the Department's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (Division). This bill would require the Division to develop the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Safety and Stewardship Course (Course), as specified, and implement the Course, which includes a \$25 course fee, by January 1, 2029. This bill would require the Division to issue a California Off-Highway Vehicle Safety and Stewardship operator card (operator card), to anyone who successfully completes the course. This bill would require, by July 1, 2029, anyone operating an off-highway motor vehicle 16 years of age or older to be in possession of an operator card, and anyone age 15 or younger to be supervised by an adult in possession of an operator card, as specified.

Status: Assembly Floor

Assembly Bill 1756 (Gonzalez) Off-highway vehicle recreation: City of Needles.

Summary: This bill would extend the City of Needles (City) combined-use highway pilot project, as specified, from January 1, 2028, to January 1, 2033. This bill would also extend the due date of the two reports the City is required to develop and submit to the Legislature evaluating the effectiveness and impacts of the pilot project, from January 1, 2027, to January 1, 2032, and which requires consultation with the

Department, Caltrans, and the California Highway Patrol.

Status: Senate Rules for Committee assignment

Senate Bill 1167 (Blakespear) Vehicles: electric bicycles.

Summary: This bill would make various changes throughout Vehicle Code to clarify what qualifies as an electric bicycle (e-bike), and the type of vehicles that are prohibited from being advertised, sold, or labeled as e-bikes. This bill would make a violation of this a misleading statement for purposes of unfair competition and false advertising provisions of the Business and Professions Code. This bill would prohibit the use or operation of an off-highway electric motorcycle (e-moto), motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped powered by an electric motor, on any forest-covered land, brush-covered land, or grass-covered land unless the vehicle has been certified by the manufacturer to be compliant with specified electrical safety standards, and the name of the manufacturer and test standard are permanently marked on the vehicle, as specified.

Status: Senate Floor

Commission Action

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Attachments