

In favor of HB1143,

I am submitting testimony today in favor of HB1143.

For years, I (as well as many of my riding friends) have been traveling to more OHV friendly states to ride. Many of those states have existing statues in line with what HB1143 is proposing to do. HB 1143 is critical to ensure OHV users at Saint John's Rock ORV trail, Burkholder road ORV trail, and Wolf Den Run State Park do not run afoul of the law on accident. The original Bill that HB1143 is amending, was designed to allow OHV users to traverse between trails and farms up to two miles with certain OHV type restrictions. The modifications in HB 1143 help bring that law more in line with the end user demographics and user requirements.

Raising the on road limit from 2 to 5 miles will eliminate the need for riders to pull over and re-enter the road between trail heads or heading into town. A rule easily forgotten and overlooked. Also, adding Off-highway motorcycles will reduce confusion as to why some OHV users can ride on the road, while others cannot.

These changes will help create a more OHV friendly environment, benefiting park users, and the adjoining towns whose businesses are helped by the park's guests.

Thanks,
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