

Dear Committee,

I am writing in support of the proposed amendment HCR5022. Currently, in Kansas, ATVs are not considered to be recreational vehicles and taxed at an exorbitant amount. It is my belief that in the beginning of their use, ATVs were used for agricultural purposes. However, today and in recent years, they have become immensely popular as mostly recreational vehicles. Insurance companies consider them to be recreational as well. Most of these vehicles, and there are a LOT of them, in my area (Central Kansas) are used for river riding, poker runs, camping transportation, and just country cruising. It is my belief that they see little, if any, paved road time, let alone highway use.

I understand that this is not the case for ALL ATV users, but most definitely the majority. Rice county currently has a 30% tax rate on ATVs. For us personally, ours gets ridden about twice a year. And it is only out on our rural ground. I know many, many owners of ATVs, and though they may use theirs more than us, it is only for recreational purposes.

I urge you to consider amending the HCR5022 law. I wish I had been given more time to prepare, as I would have begun a social media campaign, as well as started a petition for physical signatures to change this.

I am told that ATVs are listed as the same category as a houseboat. If this is the case, doesn't it seem ridiculous!

There are hundreds, if not thousands, of ATVs in Kansas that are not registered. Most people who own these are not willing to voluntarily register them due to the percentage of tax charged. If the tax were reasonable, maybe those many Kansans would register them and actually generate MORE income for the state.

On the internet, retailers such as Lowe's and Home Depot list them as recreational vehicles. Insurance companies such as Dairyland and Progressive list them as recreational vehicles. They CLEARLY are recreational vehicles. Please consider this amendment for the good of Kansans.

Thank you,

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