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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 73**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

SB 73 would amend the definitions of three types of vehicles in a registration statute:

- All-terrain vehicle – The bill would remove from the definition a requirement the seat be designed to be straddled by the operator and would remove specifications for nonhighway tires to be used on the all-terrain vehicle;
- Recreational off-highway vehicle – The bill would specify a minimum width of more than 50 inches and would remove requirements the vehicle have a nonstraddle seat and a steering wheel for steering control; and
- Work-site utility vehicle – The bill would remove a maximum length requirement of 135 inches and would replace a requirement for low pressure tires with a requirement for nonhighway tires.

The definitions of all-terrain vehicle and work-site utility vehicle also would be amended in the same ways in the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic. (The Uniform Act does not include a definition of recreational off-highway vehicle.)

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

## **Background**

The bill was requested by a representative of Polaris Industries, who testified in support of the bill. He said the changes in definitions are needed to accommodate current specifications for vehicles as manufactured. He also stated the Department of Revenue—Division of Vehicles, dealer-related associations, and agriculture-related organizations had expressed no objections or concerns about the proposed changes. He noted work-site utility vehicles are exempt from sales tax when purchased as farm machinery and equipment if certain criteria are met. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided at the Senate Committee hearing.

The Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Department of Revenue indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect on agency operations. The fiscal note also states the Department does not anticipate an increase in the number of vehicles that are exempt from sales tax.