

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

March 12, 2025  
Date

Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB25-1281 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Finance with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 3, line 1, after "HUNDRED" insert "FORTY".
- 2 Page 6, line 15, after "portion," insert "(11.5)(b)(I) introductory portion,"
- 3 and after "(6.6)" insert "and (6.7)".
- 4 Page 6, after line 22 insert:
  - 5 "(6.6) "KEI OFF-ROAD VEHICLE" MEANS A VEHICLE THAT:
  - 6 (a) IS POWERED BY AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE WITH A
  - 7 DISPLACEMENT OF ONE THOUSAND CUBIC CENTIMETERS OR LESS OR AN
  - 8 ELECTRICAL MOTOR OF FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND WATTS OR LESS;
  - 9 (b) IS SIXTY-SEVEN INCHES OR LESS IN WIDTH;
  - 10 (c) IS ONE HUNDRED FORTY INCHES OR LESS IN LENGTH;
  - 11 (d) TRAVELS ON FOUR OR MORE TIRES IN CONTACT WITH THE
  - 12 GROUND;
  - 13 (e) HAS AN ENCLOSED PASSENGER CAB;
  - 14 (f) WAS IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES AS AN OFF-ROAD
  - 15 VEHICLE; AND
  - 16 (g) HAS A PERMANENT SPEED LIMITER INSTALLED BEFORE BEING
  - 17 IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES, AND THE SPEED LIMITER IS SET TO
  - 18 STOP THE VEHICLE FROM EXCEEDING TWENTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR."
- 19 Page 6, line 23, strike "(6.6)" and substitute "(6.7)".
- 20 Page 7, after line 6 insert:
  - 21 "(11.5) (b) (I) Except as described in subsection (11.5)(b)(II) of
  - 22 this section, "off-highway vehicle" includes ~~vehicles commonly known~~

1 as all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, KEI OFF-ROAD VEHICLES, and surplus  
2 military vehicles but does not include:".

3 Page 7, after line 23 insert:

4 "SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-20-102, **amend**  
5 (16); and **add** (12.5) as follows:

6 **44-20-102. Definitions.** As used in this part 1, and in part 4 of this  
7 article 20, unless the context or section 44-20-402 otherwise requires:

8 (12.5) "KEI ROAD VEHICLE" MEANS A "KEI VEHICLE" AS DEFINED  
9 IN SECTION 42-1-102 (45.3).

10 (16) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle intended primarily for  
11 use on the public highways that is self-propelled and every vehicle  
12 intended primarily for operation on the public highways that is not  
13 self-propelled but is designed to be attached to, become a part of, or be  
14 drawn by a self-propelled vehicle, not including farm tractors and other  
15 machines and tools used in the production, harvesting, and care of farm  
16 products. "Motor vehicle" includes a KEI ROAD VEHICLE OR A low-power  
17 scooter or autocycle as either is defined in section 42-1-102.

18 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 44-20-131.5 as  
19 follows:

20 **44-20-313.5. Kei road vehicles - no liability for manufacturing**  
21 **standards.** A PERSON LICENSED UNDER THIS PART 1 IS NOT LIABLE FOR  
22 ANY DAMAGES THAT ARE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO  
23 SELLING A KEI ROAD VEHICLE THAT IS NOT MANUFACTURED IN  
24 ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED STATES FEDERAL SAFETY STANDARDS.

25 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-20-402, **amend**  
26 (11)(b) and (11)(c); and **add** (6.5) and (11)(d) as follows:

27 **44-20-402. Definitions.** As used in this part 4, unless the context  
28 otherwise requires:

29 (6.5) "KEI OFF-ROAD VEHICLE" MEANS A VEHICLE THAT:

30 (a) IS POWERED BY AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE WITH A  
31 DISPLACEMENT OF ONE THOUSAND CUBIC CENTIMETERS OR LESS OR AN  
32 ELECTRICAL MOTOR OF FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND WATTS OR LESS;

33 (b) IS SIXTY-SEVEN INCHES OR LESS IN WIDTH;

34 (c) IS ONE HUNDRED FORTY INCHES OR LESS IN LENGTH;

35 (d) TRAVELS ON FOUR OR MORE TIRES IN CONTACT WITH THE  
36 GROUND;

37 (e) HAS AN ENCLOSED PASSENGER CAB;

38 (f) WAS IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES AS AN OFF-ROAD  
39 VEHICLE; AND

40 (g) HAS A PERMANENT SPEED LIMITER INSTALLED BEFORE BEING  
41 IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES, AND THE SPEED LIMITER IS SET TO

1 STOP THE VEHICLE FROM EXCEEDING TWENTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR.

2 (11) "Powersports vehicle" means any of the following:

3 (b) A personal watercraft; or

4 (c) A snowmobile; OR

5 (d) A KEI OFF-ROAD VEHICLE.

6 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 44-20-432.5 as  
7 follows:

8 **44-20-432.5. Kei off-road vehicles - no liability for**  
9 **manufacturing standards.** A PERSON LICENSED UNDER THIS PART 4 IS  
10 NOT LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES THAT ARE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY  
11 ATTRIBUTABLE TO SELLING A KEI OFF-ROAD VEHICLE THAT IS NOT  
12 MANUFACTURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED STATES FEDERAL SAFETY  
13 STANDARDS."

14 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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