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n.

1. An authoritative command.
2. An urgent request: *I called the office at the behest of my assistant.*

[Middle English *bihest*, vow, from Old English *behæ̆s*; see **keia-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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