

SESSION OF 2021

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 19

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 19 would designate the portion of US-77 from the western city limits of Blue Rapids to the eastern city limits of the city of Waterville, in Marshall County, as the CPL Allen E Oatney and SP4 Gene A Myers Memorial Highway. The designation of Prairie Parkway would be removed from this portion of US-77.

The bill would require suitable signs to be erected upon the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) receiving sufficient moneys from gifts and donations to reimburse the Secretary for those costs. Under continuing law, the Secretary must receive reimbursement for the cost of placing such signs and an additional 50.0 percent of the initial cost from gifts and donations to defray future maintenance or replacement costs of such signs.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Transportation at the request of Senator Bowers. [*Note:* The provisions of the bill are the same as those of 2020 HB 2502, as amended by the House Committee on Transportation.]

*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>

Senate Committee on Transportation

In the Senate Committee hearing, Senator Bowers, Representative Moser, the mayor of Blue Rapids, and a private citizen provided **proponent** testimony. Officials of American Legion Post 332 and another private citizen provided written-only **proponent** testimony. No other testimony was provided.

According to testimony, Cpl. Oatney and SP4 Myers grew up near the portion of highway to be designated and died while serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Cpl. Oatney graduated from Valley Heights High School in 1969 and died in 1970 in Cambodia. SP4 Myers graduated from Waterville High School in 1966 and died in Vietnam in 1969.

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

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Department of Transportation (KDOT) estimates it would cost \$2,760 to manufacture and install two signs indicating the designation and a total of \$4,140 would need to be received from donations to install the signs. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$2,760 to the expenditure limitation for the agency operations account for FY 2022. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Highway; memorial; veterans