

SESSION OF 2014

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE
BILL NO. 2424**

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2424 would name various portions of highway in honor of Kansans:

- Representative Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Interchange, at an interchange to be constructed at the junction of K-14 and 16th Road in Rice County;
- SGT David Enzbrenner Memorial Highway, on K-7 from the north city limits of Atchison to the junction of K-7 with US-36;
- Pack St Clair Highway, on US-75 near Neodesha, from the southern interchange with US-400 to the northern interchange with US-400; it would remove the Purple Heart/Combat Wounded Veterans Highway designation from this portion of US-75;
- Ancient Indian Traders Trail, on K-161 from US-36 north to the Nebraska line, in Cheyenne County;
- Harper County Veterans Memorial Highway, on K-160 through Harper County except for the portion between the intersection with K-14 near Harper and the intersection with K-2 south of Harper;
- Bonnie Huy Memorial Highway, on K-96 from I-135 to I-35, in Sedgwick County; and

*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>

- Bonnie Sharp Memorial Interchange, at the junction of I-635 and Metropolitan Avenue in Wyandotte County.

The bill would establish three provisions related to the signage for these highways and interchanges:

- Require the Secretary of Transportation to place suitable signs to indicate the designations;
- Preclude the signs from being erected until the Secretary has received sufficient moneys from gifts and donations to reimburse the Secretary for the cost of placing the signs and an additional 50 percent of the initial cost to defray future maintenance or replacement of the signs; and
- Allow the Secretary to accept and administer gifts and donations to aid in obtaining and installing suitable signs.

Background

The original bill proposed only the Representative Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Interchange. The substitute bill would combine provisions of seven bills. It would not alter the substance of those bills but would make technical changes.

Representative Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Interchange. Representative Christmann requested and testified in support of the original bill to honor Representative Bethell at an interchange to be built near Alden, in Representative Bethell's and now in Representative Christmann's district. Representative Bethell served in the House from 1999 until his death in 2012. No others offered testimony.

According to the fiscal note, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) anticipates the interchange project will be completed in June 2018. The cost of four signs would be

\$4,110. The additional 50.0 percent needed for future maintenance would be \$2,055, for a total of \$6,165 to be received from donations before KDOT would install the signs.

SGT David Enzbrenner Memorial Highway. The original bill on this topic, HB 2459, was requested by Representative Henry, who testified on its behalf. Proponent testimony also was received from the Chief of the Atchison Police Department. According to testimony, Sergeant Enzbrenner joined the Atchison Police Department in 1987 and was killed in the line of duty in Atchison in December 2011. No others offered testimony. Representative Henry and the Chief of the Atchison Police Department also provided testimony in support of the highway designation to the Senate Committee on Transportation.

The cost of making and installing the two signs would be \$2,180, and 50.0 percent needed for future maintenance would be \$1,090, for a total of \$3,270 to be received by KDOT before such such would be erected.

Pack St Clair Highway. The original bill on this topic, HB 2485, was requested by Representative Hibbard, who testified on its behalf. Written proponent testimony was received from Senator Knox. According to testimony, Mr. St. Clair is the founder of Cobalt Boats in Neodesha, a major employer in southeast Kansas, and is an industry and community leader. There was no other testimony. The Purple Heart/Combat Wounded Veterans Highway generally follows US-75 between the state lines with Oklahoma and Nebraska; two short portions of it previously have been given other designations.

The cost of making and installing the two signs would be \$3,360, and 50.0 percent needed for future maintenance would be \$1,680, for a total of \$5,040 to be received by KDOT.

Ancient Indian Traders Trail. Representative Cassidy provided written testimony in support of the original bill on this topic, HB 2610. The route to be given the designation is near the route of a trail used as a hunting, military, and trading route over a long period of time. There was no other testimony.

The cost of making and installing the two signs would be \$2,140, and 50.0 percent needed for future maintenance would be \$1,070, for a total of \$3,210 to be received by KDOT.

Harper County Veterans Memorial Highway. A private citizen who is a veteran testified in support of the original bill, HB 2644. Representative Hoffman provided written testimony in support of the bill. There was no other testimony. A portion of US-160 in Harper County that is excluded from this designation would remain the SFC David R. Berry/SGT WillSun M. Mock Memorial Highway.

The cost of four signs would be \$4,280. The additional 50.0 percent needed for future maintenance would be \$2,140, for a total of \$6,420 to be received by KDOT.

Bonnie Huy Memorial Highway. Representative Goico requested and testified in support of the original bill, HB 2645. According to testimony, Representative Huy worked in the aviation industry before her service in the House, from 2001 through 2006. She died in May 2013. Representative Goico also provided proponent testimony to the Senate Committee on Transportation. There was no other testimony.

The cost of making and installing the two signs would be \$3,360, and 50.0 percent needed for future maintenance would be \$1,680, for a total of \$5,040 to be received by KDOT.

Bonnie Sharp Memorial Interchange. Representative Goico testified in support of the original bill, HB 2646. According to testimony, Representative Sharp served in the

House from 1996 through 2006 and died in March 2013. Representative Goico also provided proponent testimony to the Senate Committee on Transportation. There was no other testimony.

The Senate Committee on Transportation amended the bill to include "Memorial" in the name of the interchange at the junction of I-635 and Metropolitan Avenue in Wyandotte County.

According to the fiscal note on the original bill, the cost of making and installing the four signs would be \$4,420, and 50.0 percent needed for future maintenance would be \$2,210, for a total of \$6,630 to be received by KDOT in donations.

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) offered written neutral testimony to the Senate Committee on Transportation. KDOT provided information on federal guidance regarding biographical information on highway naming signs.

Together, according to the fiscal notes on the original bills, the designations would result in KDOT revenues of \$35,775 and expenditures of \$30,630.