

SESSION OF 2018

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2531**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

HB 2531 would designate portions of highways in Kansas as memorial highways in honor of Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) officers killed in the line of duty and would amend several current designations, as follows:

- Master Trooper Larry D. Huff Memorial Highway, K-15 from the southern city limits of Clay Center south to K-82; this portion would be removed from the Eisenhower Memorial Highway;
- Trooper Conroy G. O'Brien Memorial Highway, US-50 from its junction with K-61 (southwest of Hutchinson) to the northwestern city limits of Sylvia; this portion would be removed from the Turkey Wheat Trail Highway;
- Trooper Jimmie Jacobs Memorial Highway, US-54 from the western city limits of Meade west to the eastern city limits of Plains; this portion would be removed from designation as The Yellow Brick Road;
- Trooper Ferdinand "Bud" Pribbenow Memorial Highway, K-96 from its western junction with I-235 northwest to the eastern city limits of Mount Hope; this portion would be removed from the State Fair Freeway;

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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>

- Master Trooper Dean A. Goodheart Memorial Highway, US-83 from I-70 north to US-24; this portion would be removed from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Highway;
- Trooper John McMurray Memorial Highway, K-18 from I-70 northeast to the western city limits of Manhattan; this portion would be removed from the 75<sup>th</sup> Division of the United States Army Highway;
- Trooper Maurice R. Plummer Memorial Highway, US-24 from US-59 north to Williamstown, then southeast to US-40 north of Lawrence;
- Lieutenant Bernard C. Hill Memorial Highway, US-59 from US-56 north to the southern city limits of Lawrence; and
- Trooper James D. Thornton Memorial Highway, US-81 from US-166 north to the Sedgwick County line.

The bill also would change the designation on US-75 from the northern border of Woodson County south to the northern city limits of Yates Center from the Eldon K Miller Memorial Highway to the Sergeant Eldon K Miller Memorial Highway.

The bill would require the Secretary of Transportation to place signs along the highway rights-of-way to indicate the designations. The bill would exempt these designations from requirements the Secretary of Transportation receive sufficient moneys from gifts and donations to reimburse the Secretary for the cost of placing such signs plus 50.0 percent before such signs are placed.

## **Background**

The bill was requested by Representative Proehl on behalf of KHP.

In the House Committee on Transportation hearing, the Superintendent of KHP testified as a proponent. He stated the people being honored are those who have died on KHP duty since KHP's inception in 1937. He provided information on each of the troopers to be so honored. A representative of the Kansas State Troopers Association also provided proponent testimony.

A representative of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) provided neutral testimony, stating the bill would not be cost neutral for KDOT and that nicknames have not been allowed on designations to date. No opponent testimony was provided.

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

The current portions of highway in the designations to be amended (and the year each was first enacted) are these:

- Eisenhower Memorial Highway (1967), K-15 across Kansas (the Eisenhower/Truman Presidential Highway is I-70 from Missouri to K-15);
- Turkey Wheat Trail Highway (1974), US-50, Emporia to Dodge City;
- The Yellow Brick Road (1982), US-54 from the west city limits of Greensburg southwest to the Oklahoma state line;
- State Fair Freeway (1995), K-96 from the west city limits of Wichita to the west city limits of Hutchinson;

- Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Highway (2002), US-84 from the Nebraska state line to the Oklahoma state line; and
- 75<sup>th</sup> Division of the United States Army Highway (2004), US-24 from the west city limits of Topeka to the west junction of US24 and K-177 and K-18, then west on K-18 through Manhattan to the junction with I-70.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$32,880 to the expenditure limitation on the agency operations account in FY 2019. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.