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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 136

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 136, as amended, would designate bridge No. 018-011 on US-77 in Cowley County as the SGT Kevin A. Gilbertson Memorial Bridge.

The Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) would be required to place suitable signs to indicate such designation. Under continuing law, the Secretary is precluded from placing these signs until the Secretary has received sufficient moneys from gifts and donations to reimburse the Secretary for the cost of placing such signs, plus an additional 50.0 percent of the initial cost to defray future maintenance or replacement of the signs. The Secretary may accept and administer gifts and donations to aid in obtaining and installing suitable signs.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Transportation at the request of Senator Alley.

At the Senate Committee hearing, Senator Alley provided proponent testimony, stating Sergeant Gilbertson served in the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division and died August 31, 2007, while serving in Iraq. The bridge to be so designated crosses the Arkansas River near the Oklahoma state line.

*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>

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) provided written-only testimony in support of the bill and requested an amendment to conform the designation to requirements of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to add Sergeant Gilbertson's middle initial and to remove "Veterans" before "Memorial" in the designation.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, KDOT estimates it would cost \$2,660 to manufacture and install two signs showing the designation near the bridge identified in the bill. Including an additional 50.0 percent of the initial cost to defray future sign maintenance, the Secretary would need to receive a total of \$3,990 from donations to install the signs. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$2,660 to the expenditure limitation for the agency operations account in FY 2020. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.