Brief*

SB 58 would designate the junction of U.S. 24 and K-7 highways in Wyandotte County as the Representative Margaret Long Interchange.

The bill would establish these provisions related to signage:

- Require the Secretary of Transportation to place suitable signs to indicate the designation;
- 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

Senator Kelly Kultala had requested introduction of this bill and testified in support of it. No neutral or opposition testimony was offered.

*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
Representative Long represented the 38th District from 1998 through the 2002 session and the 36th District (both districts in western Wyandotte County) from 2003 until her retirement at the end of the 2009-2010 biennium. Her service included ten years as the ranking minority member of the House Transportation Committee.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget says that the Kansas Department of Transportation reported that the agency would have to receive $11,400 from donations before installing the signs — $7,600 for the cost of four signs including installation and an additional 50 percent, $3,800, for future maintenance. Any fiscal effect resulting from the passage of the bill was not included in amounts recommended in The FY 2012 Governor’s Budget Report.