

SESSION OF 2018

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 256**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

SB 256 would designate a portion of US-50 in Ford County, from the east city limits of Dodge City to 118 Road (near the city of Wright), as the SGT Gregg Steimel and PFC Richard Conrardy Memorial Highway. The bill would remove that portion of US-50 from designation as the Turkey Wheat Trail Highway.

Under continuing law, the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) is required to place suitable signs to indicate such designation. However, 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 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. The bill would require the Secretary to place highway signs along the highway right-of-way at proper intervals to indicate the designation of the SGT Gregg Steimel and PFC Richard Conrardy Memorial Highway once the reimbursement requirements are met.

**Background**

Senator Doll requested the bill and testified as its proponent at the Senate Committee on Transportation hearing. No other testimony was provided.

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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>

According to testimony, Sergeant Steimel and Private Conrardy, both from Wright, were killed in combat in July 1970 in Vietnam. For their actions, Sergeant Steimel was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, a Bronze Star, and a National Defense Service Medal, and Private Conrardy was posthumously awarded a Silver Star.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) estimates it would cost \$3,060 to manufacture and install two signs along the portion of highway designated in the bill showing the designation. Including an additional 50.0 percent of the initial cost to defray future sign maintenance, the Secretary would need to receive a total of \$4,590 from donations to install the signs. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$3,060 to an expenditure limitation for the agency operations account. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.