

SESSION OF 2022

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 446**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

SB 446, as amended, would designate each of three bridges in Cherokee County as Veterans Memorial Bridge: Bridges No. 0011-B0109 on US-166 and Bridges No. 0011-B0072 and 0011-B0005 on K-66.

The bill would require, for each designation, suitable signs to be erected upon the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) receiving sufficient moneys from gifts and donations to reimburse the Secretary for those costs. Under continuing law, the Secretary must receive reimbursement for the cost of placing such signs and an additional 50 percent of the initial cost from gifts and donations to defray future maintenance or replacement costs of such signs.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Senator Hilderbrand.

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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>

### ***Senate Committee on Transportation***

In the Senate Committee hearing, Senator Thompson provided **proponent** testimony, expressing support for honoring veterans. No other testimony was provided.

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

### ***House Committee on Transportation***

In the House Committee hearing, written-only proponent testimony was received from Senators Hilderbrand and Thompson. No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to make it effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, the Kansas Department of Transportation states an acceptable design for the signs would need to be developed before exact costs of the signs can be determined, but an estimated cost for signs would be \$7,280. A total of \$10,920 would need to be received from donations to install the signs. The agency also notes the signs would need to be replaced in approximately ten years due to sheeting deterioration. Implementation would require the expenditures limitation on the agency operations account to be increased by \$7,280 for FY 2023. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Veterans; memorial bridge