

SESSION OF 2024

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 410

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 410, as amended, would designate two portions of highway in honor of distinguished Kansans:

- The Ken W Brock Memorial Highway would be the portion of US-69 between Grand Road in Bourbon County and East 650th Avenue in Crawford County; and
- The Merle Miller Memorial Highway would be US-81 in Republic County. The bill would remove this portion from the Frank Carlson Memorial Highway.

The bill would require the Secretary of Transportation to place suitable signs to indicate the designations once, pursuant to continuing law, sufficient moneys have been received from gifts and donations for the cost of placing the signs, plus an additional 50 percent of the initial cost to defray costs for future maintenance or replacement of the signs.

Background

As amended by the Senate Committee on Transportation, the bill would include provisions of SB 410 and SB 357.

*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>

SB 410 (Ken W Brock Memorial Highway)

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

Senate Committee on Transportation

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by the president of Midwest Minerals and the chairman of the U.S. Highway 69 Association. They described Mr. Brock's advocacy for improving US-69 to four lanes from Kansas City to I-44 and his involvement in other community improvement endeavors. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by U.S. Senator Jerry Moran, U.S. Representative Jake LaTurner, the Pittsburg City Manager, and the President of the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to add the contents of SB 357.

SB 357 (Merle Miller Memorial Highway)

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

Senate Committee on Transportation

In the Senate Committee hearing, the daughter of Mr. Miller and the current publisher of the Belleville Telescope provided **proponent** testimony. They described the dedication of Merle Miller, who was editor and publisher of the Belleville Telescope, to improving highways, particularly US-81. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the City of Belleville.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

SB 410 (Ken W Brock Memorial Highway)

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) estimates it would cost \$5,580 to manufacture and install two signs indicating the designation, and a total of \$8,370 would need to be received from donations to install the signs. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$5,580 to the expenditure limitation for the agency operations account for FY 2025. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

SB 357 (Merle Miller Memorial Highway)

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on SB 357, as introduced, KDOT estimates it would cost \$5,580 to manufacture and install two signs indicating the designation, and a total of \$8,370 would need to be received from donations to install the signs. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$5,580 to the expenditure limitation for the agency operations account for FY 2025. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Highway; memorial highway; US-69; US-81; Ken W Brock; Merle Miller