

SESSION OF 2015

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2098

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2098 would designate a portion of U.S. 69 as the 2nd Lieutenant Justin L Sisson Memorial Highway. The designated portion of U.S. 69 would begin at 135th Street in Johnson County and continue to 167th Street.

Background

The bill was introduced by Representative Lunn.

According to testimony in the House Committee, Justin Sisson was a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1-506th Infantry. Before earning an Army Officer Commission at Florida State University, he was an enlisted member of the Army National Guard and received a Bronze Star for his service during a deployment to Iraq. Upon commissioning, he graduated with honors from the U.S. Army Infantry Basic Officer Leadership Course; he also was a graduate of the U.S. Army's Ranger, Sapper, Air Assault, and Airborne schools.

Also according to testimony, 2nd Lieutenant Sisson was killed in action on June 3, 2013, while conducting combat operations in Afghanistan. He was a graduate of Pleasant Ridge Middle School and Blue Valley West High School before joining the U.S. Army.

*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>

Oral testimony in support of the bill was provided by the soldier's father, family friends, and a fellow service member who served with Justin. Additional written testimony was provided by family members, friends, community members, and fellow soldiers.

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

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) indicates enactment of the bill would require two signs to be planned, manufactured, installed, and maintained, for an expenditure of \$3,900. If the bill is enacted, KDOT states it would need an increase in expenditure authority from the agency operations account of the State Highway Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.