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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 45

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 45 would designate a portion of Interstate Highway 70 (I-70) as the John Carlin Highway. The designated portion of I-70 would begin at the junction of I-70 with K-15 and continue west to the junction of I-70 with US-81.

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 John Carlin Highway once the reimbursement requirements are met.

Additionally, the bill would amend law relating to the designation of a portion of US-40 as the Blue Star Memorial Highway by replacing reference to the junction of K-15 with US-81.

Background

The Senate Committee on Transportation introduced the bill at the request of Senator Hawk. In the Senate Committee

*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>

hearing, Senator Hawk and a private citizen testified in support of the bill. The proponents highlighted John Carlin's contributions to Kansas and the nation as a former member of the Kansas House of Representatives, a former Speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives, former Governor of Kansas, former Archivist of the United States, and current professor at Kansas State University. The proponents also stated the proposed location of the portion of I-70 between Abilene and Salina would be the most fitting because the location represents the history of John Carlin's service to Kansas: he was raised in the Salina area and was involved with the Eisenhower National Library in Abilene as Archivist of the United States.

No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to replace a reference to US-40 with a reference to I-70. (For the portion of the highway that would be designated, the route designations refer to the same roadway.)

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 \$3,560 to manufacture and install two, eight foot by three foot signs at a cost of \$1,780 per sign. Current law requires sufficient gifts and donations be received by KDOT prior to installing the signs to reimburse KDOT for the initial cost, plus an additional 50 percent of the initial cost to defray future sign maintenance. Altogether, \$5,340 would need to be received by KDOT from donations to install the signs. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$3,560 to the expenditure limitation for the KDOT operations account in FY 2018. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.