

SESSION OF 2020

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2431**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

HB 2431 would designate bridge no. 0018-0089 located on US-166 in Cowley County as the SGT Tyler A Juden Memorial Bridge.

Under continuing law, the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) would be required to place suitable signs to indicate such designation. The Secretary is precluded from placing such 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 50.0 percent of the initial cost to defray future maintenance of signs. The Secretary may accept and administer gifts and donations to aid in obtaining and installing suitable signs.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by Representative Rhiley.

In the House Committee on Transportation hearing, Representative Rhiley testified as a proponent, stating there is support for the bill from Sergeant Juden's family and from the citizens of Cowley County. Three private citizens from Arkansas City, the father and two friends of Sergeant Juden, also testified as proponents. The proponent testimony focused on Sergeant Juden's reputation as a caring friend and a decorated U.S. Army paratrooper, infantryman, and sniper. The proponents stated they are in the process of

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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>

raising the private funds required to place and maintain the signs dedicating the memorial bridge.

Several private citizens and representatives of the American Legion and Two Rivers Coop submitted written-only proponent testimony. The written-only testimony stated Sergeant Juden's death in 2009 in Afghanistan was a loss for the Arkansas City community and the proponents supported the designation of the memorial bridge as a way to honor him and his family.

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) provided written-only neutral testimony. No opponent testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, KDOT indicates it would cost \$2,480 to manufacture and install two signs at the cost of \$1,240 per sign. The additional 50.0 percent of initial costs required to defray future sign maintenance would bring the total amount the Secretary needs to receive to install the signs to \$3,720; this amount would be paid for through private donations. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$2,480 to the expenditure limitation for the agency operations account in FY 2021. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.