

SESSION OF 2020

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2502

As Amended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2502, as amended, would designate the portion of US-77 from the western city limits of Blue Rapids to the eastern city limits of the city of Waterville, in Marshall County, as the Cpl. Allen E. Oatney and SP4 Gene A. Myers Memorial Highway. The designation of Prairie Parkway would be removed from this portion of US-77.

The bill also would designate bridge No. 0081-B0058 on US-77 in Riley County as the PFC Loren H. Larson Memorial Bridge.

The Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) would be required to place suitable signs to indicate the designations. Under continuing law, 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 50.0 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 make technical amendments.

Background

The bill, as amended, contains provisions of HB 2502 and HB 2525.

*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>

Oatney/Myers Memorial Highway (HB 2502)

HB 2502 was introduced by the House Committee on Transportation at the request of Representative Pannbacker.

In the House Committee hearing February 11, 2020, Representative Pannbacker, the brother of Cpl. Oatney, the mayor of Blue Rapids, and both the commander and the adjutant commander of American Legion Post 169 (Blue Rapids) provided proponent testimony. Written testimony was provided by the commander of American Legion Post 332 (Waterville). The Kansas Department of Transportation provided written-only neutral testimony. No opponent testimony was provided.

According to testimony, Cpl. Oatney and SP4 Myers grew up near the portion of highway to be so designated and died while serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Cpl. Oatney graduated from Valley Heights High School in 1969 and died in 1970 in Cambodia. SP4 Myers graduated from Waterville High School in 1966 and died in Vietnam in 1969.

The House Committee amended the description of the portion of the highway to be designated and added the contents of HB 2525.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on HB 2502, as introduced, KDOT indicates it is statutorily required (KSA 68-10,114) to receive a total of \$4,140 in gifts and donations to manufacture, install, and conduct maintenance on two signs along US-77 to designate that portion of the highway as the Cpl. Allen E. Oatney and SP4 Gene A. Myers Memorial Highway. KDOT indicates the bill would require an increase of \$2,760 in expenditure limitation for the agency operations account in FY 2021 to manufacture and install the signs. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of HB 2502 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Larson Memorial Bridge (HB 2525)

HB 2525 was introduced by the House Committee at the request of Representative Carlson.

In the House Committee hearing February 11, 2020, Representative Carlson, PFC Larson's brother, the adjutant commander of American Legion Post 169 (Blue Rapids), and three private citizens testified in support of the bill. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by three private citizens. The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) provided written-only neutral testimony.

According to testimony, PCF Larson served in the 1st Cavalry Division, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry, E Company, U.S. Army. He was a graduate of Blue Valley High School and was killed in action June 20, 1969, in South Vietnam. The bridge to be so designated is over Fancy Creek about two miles from Blue Valley High School.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on HB 2525, KDOT estimates it would cost \$2,480 to manufacture and install two signs for the bridge. Because the agency is statutorily required to receive an additional 50.0 percent of the initial cost to defray future sign maintenance, a total of \$3,720 in gifts and donations would be required. KDOT indicates the bill would require an increase of \$2,480 in expenditure limitation for the agency operations account in FY 2021 to manufacture and install the signs. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of HB 2525 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.