

SESSION OF 2023

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2298

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2298, as amended, would designate as the Donald Burton Gamblin Jr Memorial Highway the portion of I-435 in Johnson County from its junction with Shawnee Mission Parkway north to its junction with Holliday Drive.

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

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Transportation at the request of Representative Hoyer.

House Committee on Transportation

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by the Shawnee Chief of Police and the Deputy Chief of Miami County Emergency Medical Services, who is a son of Donald Gamblin, Jr. According to testimony, Officer Gamblin served with the Shawnee Police Department and

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was a U.S. Army veteran. He was killed by an intoxicated motorist on I-435 during a traffic stop, in July 1991.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to make Holliday drive, and not Johnson Drive, the northern boundary of the memorial highway portion of I-435.

Senate Committee on Transportation

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by the Shawnee Chief of Police and the Deputy Chief of Miami County Emergency Medical Services. The proponents stated that Officer Gamblin's death occurred on I-435 while he was on duty with the Shawnee Police Department.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to make it effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Fiscal Information

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 \$16,160 to manufacture and install two signs indicating the designation, and a total of \$24,240 would need to be received from donations to install the signs. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$16,160 to the expenditure limitation for the agency operations account for FY 2024. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Memorial highway; Department of Transportation; signage