

SESSION OF 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2263

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2263 would designate an interchange that will be constructed at K-10 and Wakarusa Drive in Douglas County as the Kris Norton Memorial Interchange.

The interchange is part of the K-10 expansion project currently underway.

The bill would require the Secretary of Transportation to place suitable signs to indicate the designations 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.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Transportation at the request of a representative of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT).

House Committee on Transportation

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by three professional engineers in their private capacities and by Mr. Norton's widow and children. Mr. Norton passed away in 2024. They described Mr. Norton's

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dedication as a public servant and his impact as an engineer with KDOT for 33 years on the infrastructure of Kansas and on those to whom he was a mentor and friend. According to testimony, he had been involved in projects in 86 Kansas counties, including the South Lawrence Trafficway portion of K-10, and was directly involved in the design of the interchange that would have this designation.

Written-only proponent testimony was received from representatives of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas and Lawrence Chamber and EDC Lawrence-Douglas County, and from 25 private citizens, 16 of whom self-identified as professional engineers who had worked with Mr. Norton.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, KDOT estimates it would cost \$9,020 to manufacture and install two signs for the interchange designated in the bill and \$13,530 would be needed from donations to install the signs. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$9,020 to the expenditure limitation for the agency operations account in FY 2026. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Interchange; memorial interchange; K-10; engineering