

SESSION OF 2016

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2610

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2610, as amended, would designate four portions of highway:

- The junction of I-70 and Commerce Parkway in Ellis County, on the eastern edge of Hays, as the Chief Warrant Officer 5 David Carter Fallen Veterans Memorial Interchange;
- US-400 in Labette County, between Queens Road and Udall Road near Parsons, as the John Troy, Pete Hughes, and Earl Seifert Highway;
- The junction of I-235 and Central Avenue in Sedgwick County, as the Captain Chris Norgren Memorial Interchange; and
- K-148 from the intersection with 23rd Road in Washington County north to the Nebraska state line, as the SGT Lavern W Tegtmeier Memorial Highway.

The bill would require the Secretary of Transportation to place signs in the highway right-of-way at proper intervals to indicate the designations, after sufficient moneys are received from gifts and donations to reimburse the Secretary for the cost of placing such signs and an additional 50.0 percent of the initial cost to defray future maintenance or replacement costs of such signs.

*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>

Background

The House Committee on Transportation amended the original bill to add the contents of HB 2520. The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to designate the junction of I-235 and Central Avenue in Sedgwick County as the Captain Chris Norgren Memorial Interchange.

The Senate Committee on Transportation amended the bill to add contents identical to those of HB 2722 to HB 2610, as amended by the House Committee of the Whole.

HB 2610 Background

Carter designation. Representative Boldra provided proponent testimony to the House Committee on Transportation. According to testimony, David Carter was a graduate of Hays High School and of Fort Hays State University. He died in Afghanistan in 2011, of wounds suffered when the helicopter of which he was one of two pilots was shot down. (The other pilot also was from Hays and is honored with the CW2 Bryan J. Nichols Fallen Veterans Memorial Interchange at the interchange of I-70 and US-183.) There was no other testimony.

The House Committee amended the bill to reflect the honoree's final rank of Chief Warrant Officer 5 and to insert the provisions of HB 2520, as introduced.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Department of Transportation estimates it will cost \$10,180 to manufacture and install four signs showing the designation, two along I-70 and two along Commerce Parkway. Including an additional 50.0 percent of the initial cost to defray future sign maintenance, a total of \$15,270 would need to be received from donations to install the signs.

Tegtmeier designation. Senator Bowers and Representative Schwartz testified to the Senate Committee on Transportation in support of the bill and asked that the language of HB 2722 to honor Sgt. Lavern W. Tegtmeier be added to HB 2610. According to testimony, Sgt. Tegtmeier was the first soldier from Washington County to die in the Vietnam War; he died in 1968, while assisting a fellow soldier.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to add language identical to that of HB 2722.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on HB 2722, the Department of Transportation estimates it will cost \$2,620 to manufacture and install two signs showing the designation. Including an additional 50.0 percent of the initial cost to defray future sign maintenance, a total of \$3,930 would need to be received from donations to install the signs.

HB 2520 Background

Representative Proehl requested the bill and offered proponent testimony to the House Committee on Transportation. According to testimony, the three men were instrumental in the effort to have US-160 redesignated as US-400. (A highway farther south is now designated as US-160.) There was no other testimony.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Department of Transportation estimates it will cost \$2,340 to manufacture and install two signs showing the designation. Including an additional 50.0 percent of the initial cost to defray future sign maintenance, a total of \$3,510 would need to be received from donations to install the signs.

Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.