

SESSION OF 2022

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2458**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

HB 2458 would designate the portion of US-56 from the northeastern city limits of Edgerton to the southwestern city limits of Gardner, in Johnson County, as the PFC Shane Austin Memorial Highway.

The bill would require suitable signs to be erected upon the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) receiving sufficient moneys from gifts and donations to reimburse the Secretary for those costs. Under continuing law, the Secretary must receive reimbursement for the cost of placing such signs and an additional 50.0 percent of the initial cost from gifts and donations to defray future maintenance or replacement costs of such signs.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by Representatives Collins, Proctor, and Sutton.

***House Committee on Transportation***

In the House Committee hearing, Representative Collins and the mother of PFC Austin provided **proponent** testimony. The proponents stated PFC Austin, from Edgerton, enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Iraq. PFC Austin died in combat in 2006, and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for his heroism.

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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>

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by PFC Austin's brother and three private citizens. The Chairperson noted a letter of support also had been received from PFC Austin's grandmother. No other testimony was provided.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Department of Transportation (KDOT) estimates that it would cost \$3,060 to manufacture and install signs (\$1,530 per sign) indicating the designation and the agency would need to receive a total of \$4,590 from donations to install the signs. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$3,060 to the expenditure limitation for the agency's operations account for FY 2023. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Highway; memorial; veterans