

SESSION OF 2022

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2478

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2478 would designate the portion of US-166 from the junction of US-166 with US-81, in Sumner County, then east to the western city limits of Arkansas City, in Cowley County, as the SGT Evan S Parker Memorial Highway.

The bill would include clauses providing biographical information on the honoree.

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 Representative Rhiley.

House Committee on Transportation

In the House Committee hearing, the mother of SGT Parker provided **proponent** testimony. The proponent stated SGT Parker was born in Wichita and raised in South Haven. SGT Parker enlisted in the U.S. Army, deployed to Iraq in

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2004, and died in 2005 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. SGT Parker received several meritorious awards, including two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star.

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