

SESSION OF 2024

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2481

As Amended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2481, as amended, would designate two portions of K-96 highway in honor of deceased Army servicemembers from Kansas:

- The PFC Henry Lee Fisher Memorial Highway would be the portion of K-96 highway within the city of Haven in Reno County; and
- The 96th Infantry Division Memorial Highway would be the portion of K-96 highway from its junction with 56th Avenue then northwest on K-96 highway to its junction with Nickerson Road in Reno County.

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.

The bill also would remove from the designation of the State Fair Freeway the portion of K-96 highway to be designated as the PFC Henry Lee Fisher Memorial Highway.

*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

As amended by the House Committee on Transportation, the bill includes provisions of HB 2481 and HB 2575.

HB 2481 — PFC Henry Lee Fisher Memorial Highway

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

House Committee on Transportation

In the House Committee hearing on January 29, 2024, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Seiwert and a family member of Henry Lee Fisher.

According to testimony, Private First Class Henry Lee Fisher was born and raised in Haven, Kansas, and was killed in action while serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill by:

- Inserting the contents of HB 2575 (96th Infantry Division Memorial Highway provisions); and
- Removing the nickname “Deadeye” from the proposed name of the 96th Infantry Division Memorial Highway.

HB 2575 — 96th Infantry Division Memorial Highway

HB 2575 was introduced by the House Committee on Transportation at the request of Representatives Seiwert, Murphy, Probst, and Waggoner.

House Committee on Transportation

In the House Committee hearing on January 29, 2024, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Seiwert and a resident of Reno County whose father was killed during World War II while serving with the 96th Infantry Division.

According to testimony, many Kansans, including at least four Reno County residents, served in the 96th “Deadeye” Infantry Division during World War II.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

HB 2481 — PFC Henry Lee Fisher Memorial Highway

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 \$8,440 to manufacture and install two signs indicating the designation, and a total of \$12,660 would need to be received from donations to install the signs. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$8,440 to the expenditure limitation for the agency operations account for FY 2025. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor’s Budget Report*.

HB 2575 — 96th Infantry Division Memorial Highway

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on HB 2575, as introduced, KDOT estimates it would cost \$5,240 to manufacture and install two signs indicating the designation, and a total of \$7,860 would need to be received from donations to install the signs. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase

of \$5,240 to the expenditure limitation for the agency operations account for FY 2025. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Memorial highway; Kansas Department of Transportation; signage; Army veterans