

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

**BILL #:** HB 171 Transportation Facility Designations

**SPONSOR(S):** Williamson and others

**TIED BILLS:** IDEN./SIM. **BILLS:** SB 358

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee	12 Y, 0 N	Johnson	Vickers
2) Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee	12 Y, 0 N	Davis	Davis
3) Government Accountability Committee			

### SUMMARY ANALYSIS

State law authorizes legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not officially change the current names of the facilities, nor does the law require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone system listings.

The bill creates the Senator Greg Evers Memorial Highway in Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties and directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to erect suitable markers for the designation.

DOT estimates a \$1,000 negative fiscal impact to the State Transportation Trust Fund associated with erecting suitable markers for the above designation. The cost can be absorbed within existing DOT resources.

## FULL ANALYSIS

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

##### **Current Situation**

Section 334.071, F.S., authorizes legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not officially change the current names of the facilities nor does the statute require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) must place a marker at each termini or intersection of an identified road or bridge and erect other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility. The appropriate city or county commission must pass a resolution in support of a particular designation before road markers are erected. Additionally, if the designated road segment extends through multiple cities or counties, a resolution must be passed by each affected local government.

##### **Proposed Changes**

The bill designates that portion of S.R. 4 between Munson Highway and S.R. 189 in Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties as Senator Greg Evers Memorial Highway.

Senator Greg Evers was a fifth-generation northwest Floridian whose primary career was in agriculture. He served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2001 to 2010 and in the Florida Senate from 2010 to 2016. Throughout his legislative career, Senator Evers was recognized as a champion for law enforcement, first responders and veterans. Senator Evers passed away on August 22, 2017.

The bill directs DOT to erect suitable markers for the above designation.

#### B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 designates Senator Greg Evers Memorial Highway and directs DOT to erect suitable markers.

Section 2 provides an effective date of July 1, 2018.

### II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

#### A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

##### 1. Revenues:

None.

##### 2. Expenditures:

DOT estimates a cost of \$1,000 per designation for the appropriate markers, which provides for two signs per designation at \$500 per sign.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, the bill has an estimated negative fiscal impact of \$1,000 to the State Transportation Trust Fund. This cost can be absorbed within existing DOT resources.

#### B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

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<sup>1</sup> Email for Florida Department of Transportation, August 28, 2017.

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

### III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable. This bill does not appear to affect county or municipal government.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

### IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None.