

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 579 w/CS Road designations
SPONSOR(S): Kendrick
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 1994

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Transportation Systems (Sub)</u>	<u>9 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>PUGH</u>	<u>MILLER</u>
2) <u>Transportation</u>	<u>20 Y, 0 N w/CS</u>	<u>PUGH</u>	<u>MILLER</u>
3) <u>Transportation & Economic Dev. Apps. (Sub)</u>	<u>12 Y, 1 N</u>	<u>Hawkins</u>	<u>Hawkins</u>
4) <u>Appropriations</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
5) <u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Section 334.071, F.S., specifies that the Legislature may designate roads, bridges and other transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes.

HB 579 with CS proposes five honorary designations:

- That portion of Interstate 75 from the Georgia-Florida state line to the city limits of Ocala in Marion County is designated the "Purple Heart Memorial Highway;"
- That portion of U.S. 41 located in White Springs in Hamilton County is designated as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway;"
- The roundabout at State Road 51 (Walker Avenue) and County Road 136 in Live Oak in Suwannee County is designated as the "Nott Circle Roundabout."
- That portion of U.S. 27 inside the city limits of Havana in Gadsden County is designated as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway."
- The northbound and southbound spans of the Cedar River Bridge on State Road 21 in Duval County are collectively designated as the "Jim Deaton Memorial Bridge."

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is directed to erect suitable markers at either end of each roadway to denote the honorary designations. The markers will cost FDOT approximately \$4,000.

HB 579 with CS does not raise any apparent constitutional issues. It takes effect upon becoming a law.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. DOES THE BILL:

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| 1. Reduce government? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides for legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not erase the current names of the facilities, nor do they require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings. The statute requires FDOT to place a marker at each terminus or intersection of an identified road or bridge, and to erect any other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility.

Based on FDOT records, 969 honorary road and bridge designations have been approved since 1922, most of them by the Legislature. Some public roads and bridges have multiple or overlapping designations.

HB 579 with CS adds five honorary designations:

- Interstate 75 from the Georgia-Florida state line to the Ocala city limits in Marion County is designated the "Purple Heart Memorial Highway;"
- U.S. 41 located within White Springs in Hamilton County is designated as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway;" and
- The roundabout at State Road 51 and County Road 136 in Live Oak in Suwannee County is designated as the "Nott Circle Roundabout."
- That portion of U.S. 27 inside the city limits of Havana in Gadsden County is designated as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway."
- The northbound and southbound spans of the Cedar River Bridge on State Road 21 in Duval County are collectively designated as the "Jim Deaton Memorial Bridge."

The bill directs FDOT to erect suitable markers. It takes effect upon becoming a law.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Creates an honorary designation of Interstate 75 in North-central Florida as the "Purple Heart Memorial Highway."

Section 2: Creates an honorary designation of a highway in Hamilton County as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway."

Section 3: Creates an honorary designation of a road in Suwannee County as the "Nott Circle Roundabout."

Section 4: Creates an honorary designation of a road in Gadsden County as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Highway."

Section 5: Creates an honorary designation of two bridges in Duval County as the "Jim Deaton Memorial Bridge."

Section 6: Provides this bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

FDOT estimates the cost of each marker at \$400, so for 10 markers, the total estimated expenditure from the State Transportation Trust Fund is \$4,000 in FY 03-04. FDOT also will be responsible for any future maintenance and replacement costs, of an indeterminate amount.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

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. HB 579 with CS does not affect municipalities or counties.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

FDOT has sufficient rulemaking authority to implement HB 579 with CS.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

Transportation Systems Subcommittee action

At its March 5, 2003, meeting, the Transportation Systems Subcommittee adopted without objection two amendments and one amendment to the amendment. Specifically:

- A#1 designated the northbound and southbound spans of the Cedar River Bridge on State Road 121 in Duval County as the "Jim Deaton Memorial Bridge."
- A#2 and its amendment to the amendment designated State Road 27 inside the city limits of Havana, Florida as the "Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway."

The subcommittee then voted 9-0 in favor of HB 579, as amended.

Transportation Committee action

The committee re-adopted the "Jim Deaton Memorial Bridge" amendment recommended by the subcommittee, then adopted a substitute amendment that corrected an erroneous geographic reference to "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway" within the city of Havana, in Gadsden County, Florida. It also directed staff to correct any other technical glitches, primarily to add the appellation, "Dr." in front of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, name as referenced in the bill.

Finally, the committee voted 20-0 in favor of HB 579, with CS.

Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee

At its April 11, 2003 meeting, the Subcommittee adopted one amendment without objection as follows:

- Amendment #1 designates bridge number 930470 in the City of Riviera Beach in Palm Beach County as the L. E. Buie Bridge.