

# SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL: SB 2726  
 SPONSOR: Senator Smith  
 SUBJECT: Highway Designations  
 DATE: March 22, 2004      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Eichin</u>	<u>Meyer</u>	<u>TR</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
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**I. Summary:**

This bill designates the portion of the State Road 24 Trail in the City of Gainesville from Newell Drive to Southwest 16th Avenue as the “Kermit Sigmon Trail.” Also, the bill directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers.

**II. Present Situation:**

Section 334.071, F.S., provides: (1) For legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility, and may not be construed to require any action by local governments or private parties regarding the changing of any street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone number system listings, unless the legislation specifically provides for such changes; (2) When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, FDOT is required to place markers only at the termini specified for each highway segment or bridge designated by the law creating the designation, and to erect any other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility; and (3) The FDOT may not erect the markers for honorary road or bridge designations unless the affected city or county commission enacts a resolution supporting the designation. When the designated road or bridge segment is located in more than one city or county, resolutions supporting the designations must be passed by each affected local government prior to the erection of the markers.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

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Kermit N. Sigmon was born in Lincoln County, North Carolina in 1936 and attended Appalachian State University and the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, for his bachelor's and master's degrees respectively. Mr. Sigmon became a member of the Gainesville community in 1963 when he began his Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of Florida. He gained national attention for his 'MATLAB Primer' which he wrote to help students and faculty use the MATLAB computing software. Mr. Sigmon refined and systematized numerous undergraduate mathematic programs and was an Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies. In addition, Mr. Sigmon served for twenty years on the citizens advisory committee to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization of Gainesville/Alachua County, and served on many committees in the university.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

**V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The FDOT will incur costs of approximately \$800 (from the State Transportation Trust Fund) for erecting markers for the designation. This is based on the assumption two markers will be erected at a cost of \$400 per marker. The department will also have to pay the recurring cost of maintaining these signs over time, and for future replacement of the signs as necessary.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Amendments:**

None.

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