

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 179

Road Designations

SPONSOR(S): Hays

TIED BILLS:

IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 254

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Transportation Committee</u>	<u>16 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>Rousseau</u>	<u>Miller</u>
2) <u>Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Committee</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
3) <u>State Infrastructure Council</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

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 “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.

HB 179 designates the portion of Old U.S. Highway 441 between David Walker Drive and Eudora Road in Lake County as “Leighton Lee Baker Memorial Highway.”

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is directed to erect suitable markers to denote the honorary designation. The markers will cost an estimated \$400 each, so the estimated fiscal impact to FDOT will be \$800. This does not include maintenance or installation costs.

HB 179 does not create any constitutional or other legal issues. It takes effect July 1, 2006.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

HB 179 does not implicate any House Principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

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The statute requires FDOT to place a marker at each terminus or intersection of an identified road or bridge, and to erect other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility. The statute also provides that a city or county 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.

Based on FDOT records, some 1,079 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.

Effect of HB 179

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This designation will be to honor former State Representative Leighton Lee Baker, the late father of State Senator Carey Baker. Leighton Lee Baker served in the Florida House of Representatives as Lake County’s first Republican to be elected to the House since the Civil War.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Designates Leighton Lee Baker Memorial Highway in Lake County.

Section 2: Specifies an effective date of July 1, 2006.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

FDOT estimates that the cost to erect two suitable road designating markers is approximately \$800, this assumes the placement of a marker at each end of the designated road segment. The

expenditure is from the State Transportation Trust Fund. FDOT also is responsible for any future maintenance and replacement cost, which is indeterminate.

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:

None.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

FDOT has sufficient rulemaking authority to implement this bill.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES

None.