

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1055

Highway Designations

SPONSOR(S): Bullard

TIED BILLS:

IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 138

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Committee on Tourism & Trade		Gibson	Hoagland
2) Economic Expansion & Infrastructure Council			
3) Policy & Budget Council			
4) _____			
5) _____			

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 1055 designates the following honorary road:

- That portion of State Road 821, the Florida Turnpike Homestead Extension, between exit 16 at S.W. 152nd Street and exit 11 at S.W. 216th Street in Miami-Dade County is designated as the "John F. Cosgrove Highway."

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is directed to erect suitable markers designating the honorary road. The markers will cost an estimated \$400 each. Assuming that two markers will be erected for the designation, the estimated fiscal impact to FDOT will be \$800. This includes maintenance and installation costs.

HB 1055 does not create any constitutional or other legal issues. It takes effect July 1, 2007.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

HB 1055 does not implicate any House principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

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The statute requires Florida Department of Transportation (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 1,134 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.

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John Cosgrove served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1981 to 1984. In 1986, Mr. Cosgrove was reelected serving until he left in 2000 due to term limits. Following Hurricane Andrew, as Chairman of the Insurance Committee, Mr. Cosgrove was instrumental in passing legislation to keep private insurance companies from leaving South Florida. Mr. Cosgrove received numerous awards for civic, community, and religious service, including serving as chairman of the Miami YMCA. Mr. Cosgrove last served as elected mayor of Cutler Bay, FL, the town he helped incorporate.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Designates John F. Cosgrove Highway in Miami-Dade County

Section 2: Specifies an effective date of July 1, 2007.

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 and includes installation and maintenance costs.

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 because this bill does not appear to require the counties or cities to spend funds or take an action requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that cities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with cities or counties.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR

Chairman and Members

John Cosgrove served as a Member of this Honorable House for a period of 19 years. At his death on April 19, 2006 he was still serving the people of South Miami Dade as Mayor of Cutler Bay, the county's newest city. John was a good friend, a hard worker, dedicated to the betterment of Miami Dade County and the State of Florida. I think it only fitting that we commemorate the life of our colleague by naming a portion of a road in his community after him. I urge your support and favorable vote on this Bill.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES