

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

**BILL #:** CS/CS/HB 601 Road and Bridge Designations

**SPONSOR(S):** Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee; Frishe and others

**TIED BILLS:**           **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 782

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee	15 Y, 0 N, As CS	Johnson	Brown
2) Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee	11 Y, 0 N, As CS	Davis	Davis
3) Economic Affairs Committee			

### 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. The bill makes the following designations and directs the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers for each of these designations:

- Sgt. Thomas J. Baitinger, Officer Jeffrey A. Yaslowitz, and Officer David S. Crawford Memorial Highway in Pinellas County.
- Officer Jeffrey A. Kocab and Officer David L. Curtis Memorial Highway in Hillsborough County.

The bill has an estimated negative fiscal impact of \$1,600 on the State Transportation Trust Fund, which is the cost to the Department of Transportation to erect the markers. This cost can be absorbed within the existing budget authority of the department.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2011.

## FULL ANALYSIS

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

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The statute requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to place a marker at each termini 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.

#### Effect of Proposed Change

The bill makes the following honorary designations:

- State Road 687 in Pinellas County from I-275 to I-175 as “Sgt. Thomas J. Baitinger, Officer Jeffrey A. Yaslowitz, and Officer David S. Crawford Memorial Highway.”
- State Road 583/North 50<sup>th</sup> Street in Hillsborough County from Melbourne Blvd/East 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue to State Road 574/Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd as “Officer Jeffrey A. Kocab and Officer David L. Curtis Memorial Highway.”

The bill directs DOT to erect suitable markers designating each of the above designations.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2011.

#### B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

- Section 1 Designates Sgt. Thomas J. Baitinger, Officer Jeffrey A. Yaslowitz, and Officer David S. Crawford Memorial Highway; directs DOT to erect suitable markers.
- Section 2 Designates Officer Jeffrey A. Kocab and Officer David L. Curtis Memorial Highway; directs DOT to erect suitable markers.
- Section 3 Provides an effective date.

### II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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

##### 1. Revenues:

None

##### 2. Expenditures:

DOT will incur costs of approximately \$1,600 (from the State Transportation Trust Fund) for erecting markers for the designations. This is based on the assumption that two markers for each designation will be erected at a cost of \$400 per marker. This cost can be absorbed within the existing budget authority of the department. DOT will also incur the recurring costs of maintaining these signs over time, and for future replacement of the signs as necessary.

**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 the 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:**

Drafting Issues

None

Comments

Sgt. Thomas J. Baitinger and Officer Jeffrey A. Yaslowitz were St. Petersburg police officers killed in the line of duty on January 24, 2011.

Officer David S. Crawford was a St. Petersburg police officer killed in the line of duty on February 21, 2011.

Officer Jeffrey A. Kocab and Officer David L. Curtis were killed while attempting to make an arrest at a traffic stop.

**IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES**

On March 15, 2011, the Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee adopted three amendments to its Proposed Committee Substitute. These amendments:

- Designates the Duval County Law Enforcement Memorial Overpass.
- Designates Deputy Hal P. Croft and Deputy Ronald Jackson Highway.

- Designate Verna Bill Way.

The bill analysis is drafted to the Committee Substitute.

On March 22, 2011, the Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee adopted a strike all amendment to the Committee Substitute. The amendment designates the Jeffrey A. Kocab and Officer David L. Curtis Memorial Highway. The bill analysis is drawn to the Committee Substitute.