

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 101 Transportation Facility Designations

SPONSOR(S): Ford

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

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee	13 Y, 0 N	Kiner	Kruse
2) Economic Affairs Committee			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The bill designates bridge number 480198 in Escambia County as 'Joyce Webb Nobles Bridge' and directs the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") to erect suitable markers.

The bill has an estimated negative fiscal impact of \$800, which is the cost to FDOT to erect the markers.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Background

At 9 years old, Mrs. Joyce Webb Nobles cut the ribbon when the East Cervantes Street Bridge (State Road 10A) in Pensacola opened in 1935. Seventy years later, Mrs. Nobles cut the ribbon again when a concrete bridge replaced the original wooden structure. A former WWII nurse and president of Pensacola Savings and Loan, Mrs. Nobles is 86 years old and a lifetime resident of Pensacola.

Having been involved in many charitable organizations in Pensacola, Mrs. Nobles has earned a reputation as a wise and effective community leader with a genuine spirit of cooperation and fairness.¹

Florida Law on legislative designations of transportation facilities

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 neither 'officially' change the current names of the facilities, nor require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings.

Section 334.071, F.S., also requires:

- The city or county in which the dedicated facility is located must pass a resolution, through its board of commissioners, in support of the designation before markers are erected. If the designated segment extends through multiple cities or counties, a resolution must be passed by each affected local government.
- The Florida Department of Transportation must place a marker at each termini or intersection of a designated road or bridge, and erect other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility.

Effect of Proposed Change

The bill designates bridge number 480198 on U.S. Highway 90/98, State Road 10A, East Cervantes Street Bridge in Escambia County as 'Joyce Webb Nobles Bridge.' The Florida Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2012.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 Designates Joyce Webb Nobles Bridge in Escambia County; directs the Florida Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.

Section 2 Provides an effective date.

¹ Resolution No. 15-11, City of Pensacola City Council. Adopted: August 18, 2011.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

The Florida Department of Transportation ("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 that two markers will be erected at a cost of \$400 per marker. FDOT 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:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None.