

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 225 Transportation Facility Designations

SPONSOR(S): Miller, M.

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 480

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee	15 Y, 0 N	Johnson	Vickers
2) Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee	15 Y, 0 N	Davis	Davis
3) Government Accountability Committee			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

State law 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 law require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone system listings.

The bill creates the honorary designation of the Arnold Palmer Expressway in Orange County and directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to erect suitable markers designating the Arnold Palmer Expressway.

DOT estimates a \$1,000 negative fiscal impact to the State Transportation Trust Fund associated with erecting the suitable markers for the above designation. The cost can be absorbed within existing department resources.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2017.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

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 statute requires 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.

Proposed Changes

The bill creates an honorary designation for the Arnold Palmer Expressway on that portion of S.R. 408 between Kirkman Road and Clarke Road in Orange County as the "Arnold Palmer Expressway."

Arnold Palmer was a professional golfer who spent his winters in Central Florida. He was also a philanthropist involved in charitable endeavors, including the creation and development of the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and the Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women & Babies.

Additionally, the Arnold Palmer Invitational golf tournament is annually played at Bay Hill in the Orlando area.

Arnold Palmer passed away on September 26, 2016.

The bill directs DOT to erect suitable markers designating the Arnold Palmer Expressway.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 provides for an honorary designation of the Arnold Palmer Expressway and directs DOT to erect suitable markers.

Section 2 provides an effective date of July 1, 2017.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

DOT estimates a cost of \$1,000 for erecting appropriate markers, which provides for two signs at \$500 per sign. This cost can be absorbed within existing DOT resources.¹

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

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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. This bill does not appear to affect county or municipal government.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

State Road 408 is the East-West Expressway, which is a facility owned by the Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX). CFX has adopted a resolution supporting this designation.²

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None.

² CFX Resolution No. 2016-368.
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