

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Development

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BILL: SB 174

INTRODUCER: Senator Rodriguez

SUBJECT: Transportation Facility Designations/Charlie Kirk Memorial Avenue

DATE: February 17, 2026

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Johnson</u>	<u>Vickers</u>	<u>TR</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
2.	<u>Griffin</u>	<u>Nortelus</u>	<u>ATD</u>	<u>Pre-meeting</u>
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**I. Summary:**

SB 174 designates that portion of S.R. 985/S.W. 107th Avenue between S.W. 24th Street and S.R. 90/S.W. 8th Street in Miami-Dade County as “Charlie Kirk Memorial Avenue” and directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers.

The FDOT estimates its cost to install the required designation markers is \$2,400, which can be absorbed within existing resources. See Section V., Fiscal Impact Statement.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

**II. Present Situation:**

Section 334.071, F.S., provides that legislative designations of transportation facilities are for honorary or memorial purposes or to distinguish a particular facility. Such designations may not be construed as requiring any action by local governments or private parties regarding the changing of any street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone number system listings, unless the legislation specifically provides for such changes.<sup>1</sup>

When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is required to place markers only at the termini specified for each highway segment or bridge designated and to erect any other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility.<sup>2</sup>

The FDOT may not erect the markers for honorary road or bridge designations unless the affected city or county commission enacts a resolution supporting the designation. When the

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<sup>1</sup> Section 334.071(1), F.S.

<sup>2</sup> Section 334.071(2), F.S.

designated road or bridge segment is located in more than one city or county, each affected local government must pass resolutions supporting the designations before the installation of the markers.<sup>3</sup>

### **Charlie Kirk**

Born in 1993, Charlie Kirk founded Turning Point USA, which mobilized young conservatives across the United States. He also wrote books, hosted a radio show, organized conferences, and appeared on college campuses, where he engaged in political debate. Mr. Kirk was assassinated in Utah on September 10, 2025.<sup>4</sup>

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

**Section 1** creates an undesignated section of Florida law designating that portion of S.R. 985/S.W. 107th Avenue between S.W. 24th Street and S.R. 90/S.W. 8th Street in Miami-Dade County as “Charlie Kirk Memorial Avenue” and directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers.

**Section 2** provides that this bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

#### **A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

#### **B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

#### **C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

#### **D. State Tax or Fee Increases:**

None.

#### **E. Other Constitutional Issues:**

None identified.

### **V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

#### **A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

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<sup>3</sup> Section 316.071(3), F.S.

<sup>4</sup> Charlie Kirk, *Britannica.com*, <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Charlie-Kirk#ref440983> (last visited January 5, 2026).

**B. Private Sector Impact:**

None.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

The FDOT estimates that its cost to erect the designation markers required by this bill to be \$2,400. This assumes that a minimum of two markers are required at the FDOT's cost of no less than \$1,200 each.<sup>5</sup> This estimate includes labor, materials, manufacturing, and installation. The FDOT expects to absorb this cost within existing resources.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill creates an undesignated section of law.

**IX. Additional Information:****A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

**B. Amendments:**

None.

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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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<sup>5</sup> Email from Jack Rogers, Legislative Affairs Director, Florida Department of Transportation, RE. Transportation Facility Designation Costs, December 9, 2024. (On file with Senate Committee on Transportation). Confirmed by an email from Jack Rogers, RE SB 174 – Charlie Kirk Designation, October 22, 2025. (On file with Senate Committee on Transportation).