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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation will incur costs of approximately \$7,000 to \$8,000 to produce and install signs for the 20 designated memorial highways and bridges in the bill. The city of Defiance will pay a minimal cost to install signs for one memorial highway inside the borders of the city.

Detailed Analysis

The bill designates 20 new memorial highways and bridges on portions of various interstate highways, U.S. routes, and state routes throughout Ohio. Overall, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur costs of approximately \$7,000 to \$8,000 to produce and install signs for the designated memorial highways in the bill. This amounts to a cost of around \$350 to \$400 per designation. ODOT will pay for the costs to the state from the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002). Once a set of signs is installed, there are typically no maintenance costs unless the signs are damaged. Signs are usually in need of replacement every 12 to 15 years.

The cost of signage to mark the portion of a highway designated as a memorial is paid either entirely by ODOT or shared between ODOT and the municipal corporation through which the roadway passes. ODOT pays for all of the signage production costs. However, the installation costs may be borne by municipalities, depending on where the designated portion of highway begins and ends. ODOT pays installation costs for signs to be located outside of municipal boundaries, as well as the signs on all interstate routes. If a memorial highway begins or ends inside of a municipal corporation, then the city or village is responsible for installing the signage within their jurisdiction. This is the case for one designation in the bill, with the city of Defiance responsible for installing the Purple Heart Bridge on State Route 66.

The table below summarizes these memorial designations in the order that they appear in the bill, including the location of the highway and the entity responsible for paying signage installation costs.

Memorial Highway and Bridge Designations in H.B. 616			
Designation	Roadway	County	Entity Responsible for Installation Cost
Officer Kaia L. Grant Memorial Highway	Interstate Route 275	Hamilton	ODOT
Sergeant Frederick A. Raby Memorial Highway	Interstate Route 90	Wood	ODOT
Deputy Sheriff Bill Bender and Trooper Randy Bender Memorial Highway	State Route 309	Marion	ODOT
Patrolman David L. Sterner Memorial Overpass	State Route 37	Hancock	ODOT
State Representative Don Manning Memorial Highway	State Route 170	Mahoning	ODOT
Robert E. Turney Memorial Highway	U.S. Route 36	Tuscarawas	ODOT
Adams County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway	U.S. Route 52	Adams	ODOT
Purple Heart Trail of Defiance County	State Route 66	Defiance	ODOT
Purple Heart Bridge	State Route 66	Defiance	City of Defiance
CPL Benjamin C. Dillon Memorial Highway	Interstate Route 76	Portage	ODOT
SGT Richard E. Wagner Memorial Highway	State Route 743	Clermont	ODOT
Putnam County Veterans Memorial Highway	U.S. Route 224	Putnam	ODOT
Lake Township Veterans Memorial Highway	State Route 795	Wood	ODOT
SGT Joseph P. Collette Memorial Highway	State Route 158	Fairfield	ODOT

Memorial Highway and Bridge Designations in H.B. 616			
Designation	Roadway	County	Entity Responsible for Installation Cost
U.S. Army Specialist Christian D. Ward Memorial Highway	State Route 60	Washington	ODOT
PFC Steven D. Smith Memorial Highway	State Route 13	Richland	ODOT
Steven Lowell Cook Memorial Highway	State Route 800	Belmont	ODOT
William "Bill" Burgett Memorial Highway	State Route 13	Knox	ODOT
Lester and Mary Oeder Memorial Highway	U.S. Route 22	Warren	ODOT
Clarence "Sonny" Smith, Jr. Memorial Highway	State Route 7	Mahoning	ODOT