



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 433 of the 131st G.A. **Date:** February 22, 2016
Status: As Reported by House Transportation and Infrastructure **Sponsor:** Rep. Grossman

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates the Lance Cpl. Eric J. Bernholtz Memorial Highway

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) would incur costs of approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign to provide appropriate markers along the memorial highway designated under the bill. ODOT could be reimbursed by the city of Grove City for these costs.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The city of Grove City could incur costs of between \$350 to \$400 per sign to reimburse ODOT for producing the memorial highway signs. Grove City could also bear the costs of installation.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates a stretch of State Route 62 in Grove City, running between Southwest Boulevard and Kingston Avenue, as the Lance Cpl. Eric J. Bernholtz Memorial Highway. When a highway is named by the General Assembly, the common practice is to install a memorial marker in a rest area, scenic overlook, or other appropriate location. If this is not practical, a marker is installed along the roadway instead. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location.

The roadway named in the bill extends in a northerly direction between endpoints in the city of Grove City within Franklin County. In cases where memorial roadways designated by the General Assembly under Chapter 5533. of the Revised Code fall on U.S. or state routes within the boundaries of a municipal corporation, ODOT policy under the Traffic Engineering Manual states that ODOT may furnish signs to the locality for a fee that covers the cost of production. Accordingly, Grove City could incur the costs of installing the signs located at the southern endpoint of the stretch, while ODOT will pay for the signs at the northern endpoint. The costs of each sign can be approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, according to ODOT, including materials and labor. Once a set of signs is installed, typically there are no maintenance costs unless the signs are damaged. Signs are usually in need of replacement every 12 to 15 years.