
Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates a stretch of State Route 93 in Jackson County, running between Cedar Street and the border of Jackson County and Lawrence County, as the Sgt. Donald Russell Long, Medal of Honor Recipient, Memorial Highway. When a highway is designated in a person's honor 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 highway instead. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location.

The highway named in the bill extends in a southerly direction, with the northern endpoint located within the Village of Oak Hill. If memorial highways 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's policy under the Traffic Engineering Manual is to provide the signs to the municipality for a fee that covers production costs. Consequently, Oak Hill could incur the costs of installing the signs, which according to ODOT can be approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, including materials and labor. Alternatively, since the southern endpoint of the highway lies outside of municipal boundaries, ODOT would pay the signage costs associated with that end of the highway. 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.