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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Primary Sponsor: Rep. Ghanbari

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation would incur costs of approximately \$350 to \$400 per set of signs to produce and install signs for most of the 32 designated memorial highways and bridges in the bill. In some cases, however, municipalities would incur costs for installing the signs.

Detailed Analysis

The bill designates 32 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) would incur costs of approximately \$350 to \$400 per set of signs to produce and install signs for most of the designated memorial highways in the bill. 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. In cases where only a portion of a designated memorial highway resides in a municipal corporation, ODOT and the city or village may share the installation costs. 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. 276			
Designation	Roadway	County	Entity or Entities Responsible for Installation Cost
Patrolman Mathew Mazany Memorial Highway	State Route 2	Lake	City of Mentor
PFC William Boggs	U.S. Route 62	Fayette	ODOT
RDML Alene Duerk Memorial Highway	State Route 108	Henry	ODOT
SFC Charles Gregory Huston Memorial Highway	State Route 66	Shelby	ODOT
SGT Alex Drabik Memorial Highway	Interstate Route 475	Lucas	ODOT
Col. Donald Blakeslee Memorial Bridge	Fairport Road	Lake	Village of Fairport Harbor
PFC George Dennis McClelland Memorial Highway	State Route 152	Jefferson	ODOT
PFC M. Preston Wheeler Memorial Highway	State Route 125	Brown	ODOT
Master Chief Special Warfare Operator (SEAL) Edward C. Byers, Jr. Medal of Honor Recipient Highway	State Route 65	Wood	ODOT
SGT Arthur A. Mora, Jr. Memorial Highway	State Route 25	Wood	City of Perrysburg
Charles C. Nichols Memorial Highway	U.S. Route 36	Coshocton	ODOT and Village of Nellie
Lance Corporal James Sprowl Memorial Highway	State Route 99	Huron	ODOT
SGT Michael Keith Hamner Memorial Highway	U.S. Route 23	Ross	ODOT
LTC Kevin Sonnenberg Memorial Highway	State Route 65	Henry	ODOT

Memorial Highway and Bridge Designations in H.B. 276			
Designation	Roadway	County	Entity or Entities Responsible for Installation Cost
Catawba Island Township Veterans Memorial Highway	State Route 53	Ottawa	ODOT
SGT David S. Harris Memorial Highway	State Route 4	Marion	ODOT
James M. Hough Memorial Highway	Interstate Route 71	Franklin	ODOT
SFC Charles E. Carpenter Memorial Highway	State Route 122	Butler and Warren	City of Middletown
Patrolman James A. Fredericka Memorial Highway	State Route 7	Trumbull	ODOT
Justice Robert Duncan Memorial Highway	Interstate Route 70	Franklin	ODOT
SFC John E. Conger, Jr. Memorial Highway	State Route 63	Warren	City of Lebanon
PFC Ronald J. Puskarcik Memorial Highway	State Route 422	Mahoning	ODOT
Cpl Frederick Wayne Miller Memorial Highway	State Route 39	Holmes	ODOT
Marine Cpl Andrew D. Brownfield Memorial Highway	State Route 269	Summit	City of Akron
LCpl David E. Morton Memorial Highway	State Route 72	Greene	ODOT
SGT Meredith L. Barnett Memorial Highway	State Route 550	Washington	ODOT
CWO3 James E. Groves III Memorial Highway	State Route 48	Montgomery	City of Kettering
Canfield Armed Forces Bridge	State Route 11	Mahoning	ODOT
Canfield First Responders Bridge	Interstate 76	Mahoning	ODOT

Memorial Highway and Bridge Designations in H.B. 276			
Designation	Roadway	County	Entity or Entities Responsible for Installation Cost
Lewis John Speece, Jr. Memorial Highway	Interstate 76	Mahoning	ODOT
SGT Theodore Ward Memorial Highway	U.S. Route 6	Erie	ODOT
Officer M. Scott Moyer Memorial Highway	U.S. Route 22	Fairfield	City of Lancaster

Other changes

The bill allows the Catawba Island Township board of trustees to erect auxiliary markers in conjunction with the designation of the Catawba Island Township Veterans Memorial Highway in Ottawa County. These markers would display the names of any U.S. military veterans approved by the board of trustees, but must include (1) Private First Class William E. Galloway, and (2) SP4 James M. Davenport. The signs must be approved by ODOT. The Catawba Island Township board of trustees may also alternate these approved auxiliary markers on a periodic basis. Any costs to the township relating to these signs are permissive.

The bill also modifies the name of the Marine PFC Jacob Spann Memorial Highway to reflect his posthumous promotion to LCpl Jacob Spann. There is no fiscal impact related to this change. The bill also modifies the locations of three other memorial highways located in Logan County: (1) the Army Staff Sgt. Dennis J. Hansen Memorial Highway, (2) the Army National Guard Sgt. Jeremy M. Hodge Memorial Highway, and (3) the Marine Gunnery Sgt. David S. Spicer Memorial Highway. These location changes do not alter what entity is ultimately responsible for erecting and maintaining these signs, and therefore these changes have no fiscal effect.