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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2659

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2659 would designate U.S. Highway 400 from the east junction of U.S. Highway 400 with U.S. Highway 77-U.S. Highway 54 to the eastern border of Butler County as the Atomic Veteran's Memorial Highway. Signs to indicate the designation would not be erected until the Secretary of Transportation has received sufficient funds from gifts and donations to cover the cost of placing the signs and an additional 50.0 percent of the donated amount to cover future maintenance or replacement of the signs.

Background

Representative Ed Trimmer proposed and supported the bill. He indicated that Gary Thornton, who lives in proximity to Highway 400, has taken the lead in recognizing persons from every branch of service who were test site participants in the aboveground nuclear testing program. This program ran from 1945 to 1963. No other conferees testified on the bill.

The Kansas Department of Transportation states that two signs would need to be planned, manufactured, installed, and maintained for the highway designated in the bill. The bill would require that the amount necessary to pay for and maintain this set of signs be collected before placement of the signs could occur. The cost of these two signs and their installation would be \$940. The additional 50.0 percent needed for future maintenance would be \$470, so the agency would have to

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receive \$1,410 from donations before installing the signs. Any fiscal effect resulting from enactment of HB 2659 is not included in *The FY 2009 Governor's Budget Report*.