

SESSION OF 2010

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 293**

As Agreed to Agreed 7, 2010

Brief*

House Sub. for SB 293 would designate a portion of US-75, between the southern city limits of Holton and the intersection of US-75 and N.W. 46th Street in Shawnee County, as the Lane Freedom Trail. The bill would exclude this portion of US-75 from the route designation for the Purple Heart/Combat Wounded Veterans Highway.

The bill contains these provisions related to signage:

- Requires the Secretary of Transportation to place suitable signs to indicate the designation;
- Precludes the signs from being erected until the Secretary has received sufficient moneys from gifts and donations to reimburse the Secretary for the cost of placing the signs and an additional 50 percent of the initial cost to defray future maintenance or replacement of the signs; and
- Allows the Secretary to accept and administer gifts and donations to aid in obtaining and installing suitable signs.

Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee agreed to replace the contents of this bill with the original contents of HB 2650 and to amend those provisions to change the name of the designation from the "James Lane Freedom Trail Memorial Highway" to the "Lane Freedom Trail."

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Background

House Sub. for SB 293 would have extended from 20 to 25 years the period during which certain requirements for a school bus—for design, lighting equipment, distinctive markings, special warning devices, and other equipment would be governed by the requirements effective at the time the bus was manufactured (the contents of HB 2486 as introduced).

Representative Rocky Fund testified in favor of the bill designating the Lane Freedom Trail, HB 2650 as introduced. Proponent testimony also was given by eight seventh-grade students from Royal Valley Middle School and their teacher. This portion of US-75 is the highway that most closely follows the trail, proponents said. The trail was used by free-state settlers and was a route of the Underground Railroad, they said.

No opponents presented testimony.

The Purple Heart/Combat Wounded Veterans Highway currently extends the length of US-75 in Kansas except between the intersections of US-75 with K-9 and K-16; for that portion, the Memorial Highway follows, from north to south, K-9 west to K-62, south on K-62 to K-16, then east on K-16 back to US-75 at Holton.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on HB 2650 as introduced says that the Kansas Department of Transportation reported that the agency would have to receive \$5,580 from donations before installing the signs—\$3,720 for the cost of the signs including installation and an additional 50 percent, \$1,860, for future maintenance.

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