

SESSION OF 2024

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2507

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2507 would designate bridge No. 160-96-293.72, located on US-160 in Sumner County, as the SrA Derek Scott Martin Memorial Bridge.

The bill would require the Secretary of Transportation to place suitable signs to indicate the designations once, pursuant to continuing law, sufficient moneys have been received from gifts and donations for the cost of placing such signs, plus an additional 50 percent of the initial cost to defray costs for future maintenance or replacement of the signs.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Transportation at the request of Representative Rhiley.

House Committee on Transportation

In the House Committee hearing on January 30, 2024, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Rhiley and three family members of Derek Scott Martin. One of the family members also read testimony provided by a veteran who had served with and continued after service as a friend to Derek Scott Martin.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

According to testimony, Senior Airman Derek Scott Martin was born in Wellington, Kansas, and served six years in the U.S. Air Force, from which he was honorably discharged after serving multiple tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan and being awarded a Purple Heart medal for his service. Proponents described his service to others, including to other wounded veterans.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by five family members of Derek Scott Martin, four friends of Derek Scott Martin's family, three friends of Derek Scott Martin, a mother of another deceased veteran, and representatives of 22 Too Many and Operation Creekside.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) estimates it would cost \$2,280 to manufacture and install two signs indicating the designation, and a total of \$3,420 would need to be received from donations to install the signs. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$2,280 to the expenditure limitation for the agency operations account for FY 2025. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Veterans; memorial bridge