

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2542

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2542 would designate as the Bill Tucker Memorial Highway a portion of US-56 in Morton County, between County Road 14 and County Road 16.

The bill would require the Secretary of Transportation to place suitable signs to indicate the designation 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 requested by Representatives Long and Pishny.

House Committee on Transportation

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Long, the Mayor of Elkhart, and two private citizens, one of whom self-identified as Mr. Tucker's grandson. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a private citizen. Proponents described Mr. Tucker as a successful farmer and rancher who was deeply involved in his community, including through service on the Morton County Hospital Board, as a Kansas Hospital

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Association trustee, and as a charter member of a local bank, and stated he believed in involvement in civic affairs and politics. They stated he had owned land on both sides of this portion of US-56.

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 \$4,980 to manufacture and install two signs for the highway and \$7,470 in gifts and donations received by KDOT prior to sign installation. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$4,980 to the expenditure limitation for the agency operations account in FY 2027. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Highway; memorial highway; agriculture; Morton County; US-56