

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2605

As Amended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2605, as amended, would designate as the Undersheriff Brandon Gaede Memorial Highway the portion of US-36 in Phillips County within the City of Phillipsburg.

The bill would include, as findings, biographical information about Undersheriff Gaede and the circumstances of his death.

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 introduced by the House Committee on Transportation at the request of Representative Rahjes.

House Committee on Transportation

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Rahjes and the Sheriff of Phillips County. The proponents stated that Undersheriff Gaede was a person dedicated to serving and protecting his

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community and that he silently lifted and changed the lives of everyone he interacted with. Undersheriff Gaede died in the line of duty on June 27, 2025.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Peace Officers Association, and Kansas Sheriffs Association.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to correct the title of the honored law enforcement officer from deputy sheriff to undersheriff.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) indicates it would cost \$5,220 to manufacture and install two signs for the highway and \$7,830 in gifts and donations received by KDOT prior to sign installation. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$5,520 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*.

Undersheriff Brandon Gaede Memorial Highway; memorial highway