

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 321

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 321, as amended, would collectively designate three bridges on US-69 and the 18th Street Expressway in Johnson County as the Representative Robert M Tomlinson Memorial Bridge.

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 Senate Committee on Transportation at the request of Senator Corson.

Senate Committee on Transportation

In the Senate Committee hearing, two sons of the late former Representative Tomlinson, his widow, the Mayor of Roeland Park, and two private citizens provided **proponent** testimony. They described the honoree's dedication to solving problems during his many years as a public servant on the Roeland Park City Council, in the Kansas House of

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Representatives, and as Assistant Commissioner of Insurance, and during his career as a teacher.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by seven private citizens, three of whom self-identified as former legislators and two as former legislative staff.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to collectively designate three bridges, rather than the junction, at the location.

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) estimates it would cost \$20,120 to manufacture and install two signs for the designation and require \$30,180 in gifts and donations to be received by KDOT prior to sign installation. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$20,120 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*.

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