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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 225

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 225 would designate a portion of I-70 as the Truman/Eisenhower Presidential Highway: from the Missouri state line west to the junction with K-15, at Abilene. (The bill would allow the name of the highway to be modified from, but be substantially similar to, the name given above.) The designation would be contingent on the State of Missouri designating a portion of I-70 similarly.

The bill also would modify the designation of the Blue Star Memorial Highway, currently US-40 from the Missouri state line to the Colorado state line, to exclude the portion from the west city limits of Topeka (where US-40 joins with I-70) to the junction of I-70/US-40 and K-15. This modification also would be contingent on the State of Missouri designating the Truman/Eisenhower Presidential Highway.

The bill would establish these provisions related to signage:

- Require the Secretary of Transportation to place suitable signs to indicate the designation;
- Preclude 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

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initial cost to defray future maintenance or replacement of the signs; and

- Allow the Secretary to accept and administer gifts and donations to aid in obtaining and installing suitable signs.

Background

Senator Pete Brungardt, Representative Tom Moxley, the deputy director of the Eisenhower Presidential Library, and the mayor of Abilene presented testimony in favor of the bill. No neutral or opposition testimony was offered.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget says that the Kansas Department of Transportation reported that the agency would have to receive \$9,780 from donations before installing the signs—\$6,520 for the cost of four signs including installation and an additional 50 percent, \$3,260, for future maintenance. Any fiscal effect resulting from the passage of the bill was not included in amounts recommended in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*.