Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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BILL: **H.B. 87** DATE: **June 15, 2007**

STATUS: **As Reported by House Infrastructure, Homeland Security, and Veterans Affairs** SPONSOR: **Rep. Wachtmann**

LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **No — Permissive**

CONTENTS: **To designate a bridge on State Route 108 over the Maumee River as the "Henry County Veterans Bridge"**

State Fiscal Highlights

STATE FUND	FY 2008	FY 2009	FUTURE YEARS
Highway Operating Fund (Fund 002)			
Revenues	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Expenditures	Minimal increase to install suitable markers	Minimal increase to maintain suitable markers	Minimal increase to maintain suitable markers

Note: The state fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. For example, FY 2007 is July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007.

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) may experience minimal costs to install suitable markers on or near the bridge. Future maintenance costs may result if the markers are damaged.

Local Fiscal Highlights

LOCAL GOVERNMENT	FY 2007	FY 2008	FUTURE YEARS
Municipalities			
Revenues	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Expenditures	Minimal increase to install suitable markers	Minimal increase to maintain suitable markers	Minimal increase to maintain suitable markers

Note: For most local governments, the fiscal year is the calendar year. The school district fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

- If ODOT chooses not to erect the markers, a municipality may install markers on or near the bridge within its municipal boundaries at a minimal cost. Future maintenance costs may result if the markers are damaged.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) may experience minimal costs to install suitable markers, such as plaques or signs, on or near the bridge on State Route 108 that spans the Maumee River. Current costs to manufacture, install, and maintain a single set of memorial plaques or signs at one location is estimated to be a few hundred dollars, more or less, depending on the size of the sign(s).

When a bridge or highway is designated as a memorial, the Department's policy is to first install a memorial plaque in a rest area, scenic overlook, recreational area, or other appropriate location.[1] If installation of a plaque is not practical, a sign is installed along the highway or near the bridge instead. At one location two plaques or two signs are usually installed, one in each direction.

If ODOT chooses not to install the plaques or signs, a municipality may install markers on or near the bridge within its municipal boundaries. Costs to municipalities are likely to be similar to costs incurred by ODOT described above.

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[1] Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, 2003.