



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** H.B. 57 of the 129th G.A.

**Date:** January 31, 2012

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Rep. Driehaus

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Designates Interstate 75 in Ohio as the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Trail

### State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur costs of about \$3,500 to \$4,000 to manufacture and install suitable markers along the length of Interstate 75 between Ohio's borders with Michigan and Kentucky.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

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### Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates Interstate 75 in Ohio, running in both directions between the state's borders with Michigan and Kentucky, as the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Trail. When a highway is designated as a memorial, the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) policy is to first install a memorial marker in a rest area, scenic overlook, recreational area, or other appropriate location. If this is not practical, a marker is installed along the highway instead. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location. In the case of the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Trail proposed in the bill, ODOT indicates that it would install a set of signs at each of the ten rest areas (five in each direction) along the route.

To mark the designated highway, ODOT will incur minimal costs, totaling approximately \$3,500 to \$4,000, to install suitable signs. Current costs to manufacture, install, and maintain a single set of flatsheet signs at one location are estimated to be about \$350 to \$400 per sign, including materials and labor. Once a set of signs is installed, typically there are no maintenance costs unless the signs are knocked down or damaged. Signs are usually in need of replacement every 12 to 15 years.