



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** [Sub. H.B. 65 of the 129th G.A.](#) **Date:** March 14, 2011  
**Status:** As Reported by House Transportation, Public Safety & Homeland Security **Sponsor:** Rep. Combs

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Designates certain memorial highways

### State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) would incur minimal costs to install and maintain suitable markers along a number of the designated memorial highways listed in the bill. If any of the municipalities in the bill opt to have ODOT supply the signs, they would be charged for the cost but would still be responsible for installation.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- A number of municipal corporations would be responsible for signage costs for the portions of the memorial highways within their municipal boundaries. Costs for the signage, if installed, would be minimal.

## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates portions of 13 roads which are summarized, along with their approximate locations, in the table below. Also included in the table is a column describing the entity likely to be responsible for signage costs, based on the criteria in the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Traffic Engineering Manual. These criteria are described below.

<b>Memorial Designations</b>			
<b>Designation</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>County (Municipality/Township)</b>	<b>Sign Costs Paid By</b>
Pfc. Zachary Gullett Memorial Highway	US-50 E	Highland (Hillsboro)	ODOT/City of Hillsboro
Ryan Seitz Memorial Highway	US-50	Vinton (McArthur)	ODOT/Village of McArthur
Sgt. Steven Conover – Veterans Memorial Highway	SR-73	Clinton County	ODOT/City of Wilmington
Lance Cpl. Brett Wightman – Veterans Memorial Highway	SR-729	Clinton County	ODOT/Village of Sabina
First Lt. Christopher Rutherford Memorial Highway	SR-7 NE	Washington (New Matamoras)	ODOT/Village of New Matamoras
Sgt. 1st Class Daniel B. Crabtree Memorial Road	SR-619	Stark (Hartville)	Village of Hartville
Trooper Andrew C. Baldrige Memorial Highway	SR-103 W	Wyandot (Crawford/Ridge Townships)	ODOT
Army Staff Sgt. Shamus O. Goare Memorial Highway	US-62 NE	Knox (Millwood/Danville)	ODOT/Villages of Millwood and Danville
Army Private Jason L. Sparks Memorial Highway	US-20 E	Huron (Monroeville)	ODOT/Village of Monroeville
Army Sgt. Keith Kline Memorial Highway	SR-105 E/ SR-163 E	Ottawa (Oak Harbor)	Village of Oak Harbor
Army Sgt. Jon Martin Memorial Highway	US-20 E	Sandusky (Bellevue)	City of Bellevue
Lance Corporal Taylor Prazynski Memorial Highway	SR-4	Butler/Hamilton (Fairfield)	City of Fairfield
Corporal Brad Anthony Davis Memorial Highway	I-480	Cuyahoga (Garfield Heights)	ODOT

ODOT could incur minimal costs to install suitable plaques or signs along two of the thirteen roads designated in the bill. Signage costs for the designated portion of four U.S. and state routes would be the responsibility of specified municipalities, although another seven designated roads have portions that would make both ODOT and municipal corporations responsible for signage costs. Any local costs would be permissive. The entities likely responsible for each designation's signage costs are indicated in the table above, based upon guidelines in Ohio's Traffic Engineering Manual (TEM).

According to the TEM, signs for memorial highways or bridges on the rural state highway system and Interstate highways within municipal corporation limits established by the legislature in accordance with Chapter 5533. of the Revised Code should be furnished and installed by the appropriate ODOT district. In contrast, the TEM prohibits ODOT from installing signs for memorial highways and bridges on U.S. and state routes inside municipal corporation limits. However, ODOT may furnish the signs to the municipal corporation for a fee commensurate with sign size and type. If a designated U.S. or state route includes roadway that is both inside and outside a municipal corporation, ODOT installs the sign on the end(s) of the road outside of the municipal corporation and the municipal corporation may install signs within its boundaries.

According to ODOT, the current costs to manufacture, install, and maintain a single set of flatsheet signs at one location are estimated to be about \$600, depending on size, equipment, materials, and frequency of repair. 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.

When a highway is designated as a memorial, the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices directs that the memorial marker(s) should first be installed in a rest area, scenic overlook, recreational area, or other appropriate location. If this is not practical, a marker may be installed along the highway instead. Two markers are usually installed at each location, one in each direction.