



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 83 of the 129th G.A.](#)

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Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Rosenberger

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates a portion of United States Route 50 within Highland County as the "Pfc. Zachary Gullett Memorial Highway"

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) may incur minimal costs to install suitable signs along the designated portion of United States Route 50 in Highland County outside of the city of Hillsboro. ODOT may also incur minimal costs to provide memorial highway markers to the city of Hillsboro for the designated portion of United States Route 50 within its boundaries. However, ODOT would charge a fee to the city commensurate with sign manufacturing costs.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The city of Hillsboro may incur minimal costs if it chooses to install markers on the designated portion of United States Route 50 within its boundaries. There may also be maintenance costs for repairs if the signs are damaged.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Most of the designated portion of United States Route 50 in Highland County is classified by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) as a rural minor arterial. However, the designated road also runs through the city of Hillsboro. Ohio's Traffic Engineering Manual directs that signs for memorial highways established by the legislature under Chapter 5533. of the Revised Code on United States and state routes on the rural state highway system should be furnished and installed by the appropriate ODOT district. Signs for memorial highways on U.S. and state routes inside municipal corporations, meanwhile, are the responsibility of the municipal corporation. As a result, ODOT would incur minimal costs to install suitable signs along the designated portion of road outside of Hillsboro, while the city would incur such costs if it chooses to install markers within its boundaries. ODOT may furnish the signs to the municipal corporation for a fee commensurate with the sign's manufacturing costs.

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 the 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.