Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 36 of the 130th G.A. **Date**: April 10, 2013

Status: As Reported by House Transportation, Public Safety, and Homeland Security **Sponsor**: Rep. Johnson

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates the Branch Rickey Memorial Highway, the Boone Coleman Memorial Highway, and the Oakley C. Collins Memorial Bridge

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur costs of approximately $350 to $400 per sign, including materials and labor, to install appropriate markers along the sections of U.S. 23 and State Route 52 in Scioto County designated as the Branch Rickey Memorial Highway and the Boone Coleman Memorial Highway, respectively.
- It is unclear what entity would be responsible for the costs of placing signs on the bridge that the bill designates as the Oakley C. Collins Memorial Bridge, whether the state of Ohio or city of Ironton, or if the state of Kentucky would also be involved.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Branch Rickey and Boone Coleman Memorial Highways

The bill designates the portion of U.S. Route 23 in Scioto County, extending between mile marker 3 and mile marker 10, as the Branch Rickey Memorial Highway, and the portion of State Route 52 in Scioto County, extending between mile marker 17 and mile marker 19, as the Boone Coleman Memorial Highway. When a highway is designated as a memorial, the policy of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is first to 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. According to ODOT, the costs of installing signs for memorial highways are approximately $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.

Oakley C. Collins Memorial Bridge

The bill designates the yet-to-be-completed bridge over the Ohio River between the city of Ironton and Kentucky as the Oakley C. Collins Memorial Bridge. As the bridge will not carry an interstate highway, state route, or U.S. route across the river, it is unclear whether the state of Ohio or the city of Ironton would be responsible for the costs of any signs marking the bridge's memorial designation. Additionally, it is unclear if the state of Kentucky would need to be involved since the bridge extends between Ohio and that state.

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