



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 103 of the 130th G.A. **Date:** November 22, 2013
Status: As Reported by Senate Transportation **Sponsor:** Sen. Skindell

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates the Governor Richard F. Celeste Shoreway

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) could incur costs of approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, including materials and labor, to install appropriate markers along the designated section of State Route 2 in Cuyahoga County. ODOT could be reimbursed by the city of Cleveland for some or all of these costs.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The city of Cleveland may incur a nominal fee if it requests ODOT to install signs for the portion of the designated highway that falls within municipal boundaries.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates the portion of eastbound State Route 2 in Cuyahoga County, extending between Lake Avenue and the Cuyahoga River, as the Governor Richard F. Celeste Shoreway. (This stretch of highway is currently also known as the Cleveland Memorial Shoreway.) 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.

The route designated in the bill is located within the limits of the city of Cleveland. In cases where memorial highways designated by the General Assembly under Chapter 5533. of the Revised Code fall on U.S. or state routes within the boundaries of a municipal corporation, ODOT's Traffic Engineering Manual directs that signs are not to be installed by ODOT, but that ODOT may furnish signs to the municipality for a commensurate fee. 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.