

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

HB 693 does not implicate any House Principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

Section 334.071, F.S., provides for legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not “officially” change the current names of the facilities, nor does the statute require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings.

The statute requires the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to place a marker at each terminus or intersection of an identified road or bridge, and to erect other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility. The statute also provides that a city or county must pass a resolution in support of a particular designation before road markers are erected. Additionally, if the designated road segment extends through multiple cities or counties, a resolution must be passed by each affected local government.

Based on FDOT records, some 1,134 honorary road and bridge designations have been approved since 1922, most of them by the Legislature. Some public roads and bridges have multiple or overlapping designations.

Effect of HB 693

HB 693 designates the following honorary road:

- That portion of Interstate 95 between State Road 400 and State Road 600 in Volusia County is designated as “Kevin John Fischer Memorial Highway.”

Officer Kevin John Fischer, of the Daytona Beach Police Department, was tragically killed in the line of duty on September 4, 1998, while assisting a Volusia County Deputy who had been involved in a minor traffic accident. Officer Fischer was 30 years old. According to numerous news articles, this was a tragedy that touched the entire Daytona Beach community. Today, Officer Fischer is remembered as a devoted husband who had an incredible sense of humor and loved his job because it allowed him to help others in need.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Designates Kevin John Fischer Memorial Highway in Volusia County.

Section 2: Specifies an effective date of July 1, 2007.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

FDOT estimates that the cost to erect two suitable road designating markers is approximately \$800, this assumes the placement of a marker at each end of the designated road segment. The expenditure is from the State Transportation Trust Fund and includes installation and maintenance costs.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable because the bill does not appear to require the counties or cities to spend funds or take an action requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that cities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with cities or counties.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR

None provided.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES