

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Transportation

BILL: SB 358

INTRODUCER: Senator Latvala and others

SUBJECT: Transportation Facility Designations/Senator Greg Evers Memorial Highway

DATE: October 24, 2017

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Price	Miller	TR	Favorable
2.			RC	

I. Summary:

SB 358 designates the portion of S.R. 4 between Munson Highway and S.R. 189 in Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties as “Senator Greg Evers Memorial Highway” and directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers.

The estimated cost to the FDOT to install the designation markers required under this bill is \$1,000. See the heading, “Fiscal Impact Statement” below for details.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.

II. Present Situation:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides that legislative designations of transportation facilities are for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. Such designations are not to be construed as requiring any action by local governments or private parties regarding the changing of any street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone number system listings, unless the legislation specifically provides for such changes.¹

When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is required to place markers only at the termini specified for each highway segment or bridge designated by the law creating the designation, and to erect any other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility.²

The FDOT may not erect the markers for honorary road or bridge designations unless the affected city or county commission enacts a resolution supporting the designation. When the

¹ Section 334.071(1), F.S.

² Section 334.071(2), F.S.

designated road or bridge segment is located in more than one city or county, each affected local government must pass resolutions supporting the designations before installation of the markers.³

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill designates the portion of S.R. 4 between Munson Highway and S.R. 189 in Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties as “Senator Greg Evers Memorial Highway” and directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Senator Greg Evers was a fifth-generation northwest Floridian whose primary career was in agriculture. He served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2001 to 2010 and in the Florida Senate from 2010 to 2016. Throughout his legislative career, Senator Evers was recognized as a champion for law enforcement, first responders, and veterans. Senator Evers passed away on August 22, 2017.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The estimated cost to erect the designation markers required under this bill is \$1,000, based on the assumption that two markers are required at a cost to the FDOT of no less than \$500 each. The estimate includes sign fabrication, installation, and maintenance over time but does not include any additional expenses related to maintenance of traffic, dedication event costs, or replacement necessitated by damage, vandalism, or storm events.

³ Section 334.071(3), F.S.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill creates an undesignated section of Florida Law.

IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.