

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 43 Transportation Facility Designations

SPONSOR(S): Davis, Byrd and others

TIED BILLS: IDEN./SIM. **BILLS:** SB 64

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee	13 Y, 0 N	Johnson	Vickers
2) Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee	12 Y, 0 N	Davis	Davis
3) State Affairs Committee	24 Y, 0 N	Johnson	Williamson

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

State law authorizes 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 law require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone system listings. State law also requires the appropriate city or county commission to pass a resolution supporting the designation prior to the erection of markers indicating the designation.

The bill designates the Officer Lance Christian Whitaker Highway in Duval County and directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to erect suitable markers for this designation.

DOT estimates a \$1,000 negative fiscal impact to the State Transportation Trust Fund associated with erecting suitable markers for the above designation. The cost can be absorbed within existing DOT resources.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Present Situation

Designations

Section 267.062, F.S., provides for the naming of state buildings and other facilities. The statute provides that except as specifically provided by law, state buildings, roads, bridges, parks, recreational complexes, and other similar facilities may not be named for a living person.

Section 334.071, F.S., authorizes 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.

Road Markers

The Department of Transportation (DOT) must place a marker at each termini or intersection of an identified road or bridge and erect other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility. The appropriate city or county commission 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.

Officer Lance Christian Whitaker

Officer Lance Christian Whitaker was a police officer with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office who was killed in a single vehicle crash on May 15, 2018. At the time of his death, he was 48 years old and had been a police officer for 18 years.

Effect of the Bill

The bill designates that portion of I-295/E. Beltway 295 between Alta Drive and Pulaski Road in Duval County as the "Officer Lance Christian Whitaker Highway." The bill also requires DOT to erect suitable markers designating Officer Lance Christian Whitaker Highway.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 designates Officer Lance Christian Whitaker Highway and directs DOT to erect suitable markers.

Section 2 provides an effective date of July 1, 2019.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

DOT estimates a cost of \$1,000 per designation for the appropriate markers, which provides for two signs per designation at \$500 per sign.¹ Therefore, the bill has an estimated negative fiscal impact of \$1,000 to the State Transportation Trust Fund. This cost can be absorbed within existing DOT resources.

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. This bill does not appear to require counties or municipalities to spend funds or take action requiring the expenditures of funds; reduce the authority that counties or municipalities have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None.

¹ Email from Cody Farrell, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, Florida Department of Transportation, RE: Road Designation Costs (Jan. 7, 2019).