

SESSION OF 2024

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2799

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2799 would designate as the First Responders Memorial Highway the portion of US-281 from the southern city limits of Russell north to its junction with K-18 in Russell County.

The bill would make conforming amendments to remove this portion of US-281 from the current highway designation of the American Legion Memorial Highway. [Note: The American Legion Memorial Highway currently extends from the Nebraska state line to the Oklahoma state line.]

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Appropriations at the request of Representative Waymaster on behalf of the city of Russell.

House Committee on Transportation

In the House Committee hearing, written-only **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Waymaster, Senator Bowers, and the mayor of Russell, Kansas. The proponents generally stated the bill would demonstrate respect and appreciation for Kansans serving as emergency responders. The mayor of Russell noted unanimous city council support for the designation.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) estimates it would cost \$4,320 to manufacture and install two signs indicating the designation, and a total of \$6,480 would need to be received from donations to install the signs. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$4,320 to the expenditure limitation for the agency's operations account for FY 2025. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Memorial highway; Kansas Department of Transportation; signage; first responders