

Legislative Analysis



BARRY LYN HAUSE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

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House Bill 4082 as reported from committee

Sponsor: Rep. Angela Witwer

Committee: Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure

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(Enacted as Public Act 280 of 2023)

SUMMARY:

House Bill 4082 would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate I-96 in Ionia County from mile marker 76 to mile marker 77 as the “Barry Lyn Hause Memorial Highway.”

Proposed MCL 250.1023b

BACKGROUND:

Barry Lyn Hause was born in Lansing, Michigan, in 1965 to Nancy Hause Martin and Gerald G. Hause. A graduate of Holt High School, Hause was an operating engineer employed with the road construction company C & D Hughes. On the evening of September 24, 2019, appropriately attired in a marked one-line construction zone on eastbound I-96, Barry Hause sat on a concrete cutting device carving a cement line for pavement repair just east of the Kent Street exit near Portland. At approximately 11 p.m., his machinery was struck by a car. He sustained critical injuries and was flown by helicopter to Sparrow Hospital, where he died of his injuries on September 30. He was 54 years old.

Dedicating a portion of highway I-96 in Ionia County would be an appropriate way to recognize and honor the service of Barry Lyn Hause and his ultimate sacrifice to provide exceptional work performance and safer roads for the residents of Michigan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Section 2 of the Michigan Memorial Highway Act indicates that the state transportation department shall provide for the erection of suitable markers indicating the name of the highway only “when sufficient private contributions are received to completely cover the cost of erecting and maintaining those markers.” As a result, the bill has no state or local fiscal impact.

POSITIONS:

The Michigan Department of Transportation indicated a neutral position on the bill. (6-20-23)

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