

SESSION OF 2023

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2014**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

HB 2014, as amended, would designate as the Robert Lessen Memorial Highway the portion of US-69 in Crawford County from its junction with K-47 in Crawford County to its junction with 650th Avenue.

The bill would require the Secretary of Transportation to place suitable signs to indicate the designation once, pursuant to continuing law, sufficient moneys have been received from gifts and donations for the cost of placing such signs, plus an additional 50 percent of the initial cost to defray costs for future maintenance or replacement of the signs.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by Representative Collins.

***House Committee on Transportation***

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Collins. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by family members of Robert Lessen. No other testimony was provided.

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\*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>

According to testimony, Robert Lessen was born in Arma, Kansas, where he also lived as an adult and owned and worked in an insurance agency; served on the committee working for the improvement and expansion of US-69 throughout the 1960s; and was a U.S. Army veteran who served in World War II and the Korean War.

### ***Senate Committee on Transportation***

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Collins, who stated this highway designation was requested by family members of Robert Lessen. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by family members of Robert Lessen. No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to make it effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

### **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 \$4,480 to manufacture and install two signs indicating the designation and a total of \$6,720 would need to be received from donations to install the signs. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$4,480 to the expenditure limitation for the agency operations account for FY 2024. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Memorial highway; Department of Transportation; signage