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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2614

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2614 would designate the junction of I-70 and US-183 as the CW2 Bryan J. Nichols Fallen Veterans Memorial Interchange.

The bill would establish these provisions related to signage:

- Require the Secretary of Transportation to place suitable signs to indicate the designation;
- Preclude the signs from being erected until the Secretary has received sufficient moneys from gifts and donations to reimburse the Secretary for the cost of placing the signs and an additional 50 percent of the initial cost to defray future maintenance or replacement of the signs; and
- Allow the Secretary to accept and administer gifts and donations to aid in obtaining and installing suitable signs.

Background

Representative Eber Phelps testified in support of the bill. There was no other testimony.

*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, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nichols, a helicopter pilot, was a native of Hays who died in Afghanistan in August 2011. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) reported the agency would have to receive \$13,740 from donations before installing the signs: \$9,160 for the cost of four signs, including installation, and an additional 50 percent, \$4,580, for future maintenance. KDOT also would need an increase in expenditure authority from the agency operations account of the State Highway Fund.