Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 36 of the 131st G.A. **Date**: June 22, 2015

Status: As Introduced **Sponsor**: Sen. Tavares

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates the John W. Bowen Memorial Roadway

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) could incur costs of approximately $350 to $400 per sign to provide appropriate markers along the memorial highway designated under the bill. ODOT would be reimbursed by the city of Columbus for these costs.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The city of Columbus will incur costs of between $350 and $400 per sign to reimburse ODOT for producing the memorial highway signs. Columbus would also bear the cost of installation.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates a stretch of U.S. Route 33 in the city of Columbus, running between East Livingston Avenue and College Avenue, as the John W. Bowen Memorial Roadway. When a roadway is named by the General Assembly, the common practice is to install a memorial marker in a rest area, scenic overlook, or other appropriate location. If this is not practical, a marker is installed along the roadway instead. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location.

The roadway named in the bill extends in a northerly direction between endpoints in the city of Columbus. In cases where memorial roadways designated by the General Assembly under Chapter 5533. of the Revised Code fall on U.S. or state routes within the boundaries of a municipal corporation, ODOT's Traffic Engineering Manual states that ODOT may furnish signs for a fee that covers the cost of producing the signs. Columbus would incur the costs of installing the signs, which according to ODOT can be approximately $350 to $400 per sign, including materials and labor. Once a set of signs is installed, typically there are no maintenance costs unless the signs are damaged. Signs are usually in need of replacement every 12 to 15 years.

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