



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 271 of the 131st G.A. **Date:** January 19, 2016
Status: As Introduced **Sponsor:** Rep. R. Smith

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates the Lieutenant Stephen Byus Memorial Highway

State Fiscal Highlights

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

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The city of Wellston and the village of Coalton could each incur costs of between \$350 and \$400 per sign to reimburse ODOT for producing some of the memorial highway signs. The municipal corporations could also bear some of the costs for installation.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates a stretch of State Route 93 in Jackson County, running between the boundaries of the city of Wellston and the village of Coalton, as the Lieutenant Stephen Byus Memorial Highway. When a highway 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.

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 policy outlined in the Traffic Engineering Manual allows for the agency to furnish signs to the locality for a fee that covers the cost of production. Accordingly, the city of Wellston and the village of Coalton could each incur costs of installing the signs. The costs of each sign can be approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, according to ODOT, 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.