

Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 366 of the 131st G.A. **Date**: January 29, 2016

Status: As Reported by House Transportation and **Sponsor**: Rep. R. Smith

Infrastructure

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates the Sgt. Donald Russell Long, Medal of Honor Recipient, Memorial Highway

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 could be reimbursed by the Village of Oak Hill for some of these costs.

Local Fiscal Highlights

• The Village of Oak Hill could incur costs of between \$350 to \$400 per sign to reimburse ODOT for producing the memorial highway signs. Oak Hill could also bear the cost of installation.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates a stretch of State Route 93 in Jackson County, running between Cedar Street and the border of Jackson County and Lawrence County, as the Sgt. Donald Russell Long, Medal of Honor Recipient, Memorial Highway. When a highway is designated in a person's honor 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 highway instead. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location.

The highway named in the bill extends in a southerly direction, with the northern endpoint located within the Village of Oak Hill. If memorial highways 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 under the Traffic Engineering Manual is to provide the signs to the municipality for a fee that covers production costs. Consequently, Oak Hill could incur the costs of installing the signs, which according to ODOT can be approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, including materials and labor. Alternatively, since the southern endpoint of the highway lies outside of municipal boundaries, ODOT would pay the signage costs associated with that end of the highway. 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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