

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 2443
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Impact:	Signage Cost: Estimate of \$1,300

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 2443 relates to the cost associated with memorial signage. Previously, signs honoring members of the United States Armed Forces who were killed in action were exempt from paying for signs. This measure also exempts those killed while participating in contingency operations. The measure defines contingency operations as: designated by the Secretary of Defense as an operation in which members of the armed forces are or may become involved in military actions, operations or hostilities against an enemy of the United States or against an opposing military force.

Also, the measure designates the bridge along U.S. Highway 69 that crosses the Arkansas River at the Wagoner and Muskogee county line the “Specialist Joshua M. “Bubba” Seals Memorial Bridge”.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure modifies the circumstances where cost of signage in the naming of a highway or bridge for a member of the armed forces is paid by the Department of Transportation (ODOT). The modification may result in a minimal cost in honoring armed forces members.

The measure also names a bridge for a fallen member of the armed forces. ODOT estimates the cost to produce and place signs to average \$650.00 per sign, resulting in a total estimated cost to ODOT of \$1,300.

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Other Considerations

None.