

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 56th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | HB 1325 |
| Version: | Introduced |
| Request Number: | 5841 |
| Author: | Representative Humphrey |
| Date: | 2/13/2017 |
| Impact: | Highway and Bridge Designations Honoring Individuals Not Killed In Action: \$0 to State |

Research Analysis

The measure creates the Choctaw Code Talkers Bridge Naming Program Act. The measure directs the Department of Transportation to coordinate with the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma in identifying members of the Choctaw Nation who served as code talkers in WWI and WWII and a bridge on the state highway system closest to where each code talker lived before their participation in WWI or WWII. The bill directs the DOT to place suitable markers on each bridge.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure directs the Department of Transportation (ODOT) to coordinate with the Choctaw Nation to identify certain individuals, and to place permanent markers upon a number of bridges bearing the name of the individuals to be honored. 69 O.S. § 1600 provides that the costs associated with signage related to the naming of highways and bridges is to be paid by the group sponsoring or requesting the sign, except in instances of naming a highway or bridge to honor members of the armed forces or Oklahoma Highway Patrol who were killed in action.

According to the Department of Transportation, the estimated cost to the Department is between \$1,000 and \$2,000 per location depending on the class of highway.

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Other Considerations

None.