

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB3516
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Impact:	Highway and Bridge Designations Honoring Individuals Not Killed In Performance of Duties: \$0 to State

**Honoring Certain Individuals Killed In
Performance of Duties: \$1,720 per Designation**

Research Analysis

The senate amendment to HB 3516 changes the designation for the bridge in Pittsburg County to the U.S. Army 2LT William A. Fox, Jr Memorial Bridge. The amendment also adds the Sgt. Robert "Bobby" Blaine Swartz Memorial Bridge in Oklahoma County.

HB 3516, as amended, memorializes several highways, bridges, and interchanges across Oklahoma and modifies the location descriptions and names of certain memorialized highways and bridges.

New designations include the:

- C.B. and Lois Craft Memorial Bridge in Haskell County;
- SFC Theodore Emmett Lowery Memorial Highway in Muskogee County;
- LCpl Charles Nick Bondi Memorial Highway in Oklahoma County;
- Nettie Sands Memorial Bridge in Leflore County;
- Dale McFarlin Memorial Highway in Lincoln County;
- Dr. Harry E. Heath, Jr. Memorial Bridge in Payne County;
- Ryan Gwaltney Memorial Bridge in Comanche County;
- U.S. Army 2LT William A. Fox, Jr. Memorial Bridge in Pittsburg County;
- SSG Rusty Dunagan Memorial Bridge in McClain County;
- Cpl Mick Ray Bekowsky USMC Memorial Interchange in Oklahoma County;
- LCpl Anthony D. Botello Memorial Bridge in Latimer County;
- Jake Weston Reid Memorial Bridge in McClain County;
- PVT Richard Gary Leivas Memorial Highway in Lincoln County;
- Private 2nd Class Joshua Francis Powers Memorial Highway in Rogers County;
- Trooper Charlie Hanger Honorary Mile in Noble County;
- SGT Earl Roy "Pete" Lester, Jr. Purple Heart Recipient Memorial Highway in Lincoln County;
- Larry Brinkley Memorial Highway in McCurtain County;
- Col Derek Grimes Memorial Highway in Kingfisher County;
- Lawrence Moylan Memorial Highway in Rogers County;
- James L. Holt, Pres. of the Seminole Tribe of Florida Memorial Bridge in Pawnee County;
- Joe Diffie Memorial Highway in Stephens County;

- Sgt. Robert "Bobby" Blaine Swartz Memorial Bridge in Oklahoma County
- Major Helen F. Holmes Memorial Highway in Logan County; and
- Cathy Cummings Memorial Interchange in Oklahoma County.

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Fiscal Analysis

The Senate amendment to HB 3516 adds an additional memorial bridge designation.

Engrossed HB 3516 designates twenty-three (23) new memorial highway and bridge locations in Oklahoma, as well as amends four (4) current designations in statute. Title 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 United States Armed Forces, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, peace officers, and first responders who were killed in the performance of their duties.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) currently estimates a cost of one thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars (\$1,720.00) per location that meets these qualifications, with one sign needed at each end of the designated highway or bridge.

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Other Considerations

None.