

# SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: Transportation Committee

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BILL: SB 2506

INTRODUCER: Senators Posey and Dockery

SUBJECT: Road Designation

DATE: March 30, 2006

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Woods	Meyer	TR	<b>Pre-meeting</b>
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## I. Summary:

Section 334.071, F.S., specifies the purpose and effect of the designation of roads, bridges, and other transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes by the Florida Legislature. The effects of this bill are as follows:

- SB 2506 designates that portion of State Road 520 between mile post 13.2 and mile post 15.3 which lies approximately between the West Banana River and Cape Canaveral Hospital in Brevard County as “Patrick D. Smith Causeway.”
- The Department of Transportation (FDOT) is directed to erect suitable markers.

## II. Present Situation:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides: (1) Legislative designations of transportation facilities are for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility, and may not be construed to require any action by local governments or private parties regarding the changing of any street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone number system listings, unless the legislation specifically provides for such changes; (2) When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, FDOT is required to place markers only at the termini specified for each highway segment or bridge designated by the law creating the designation, and to erect any other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility; and (3) The FDOT may not erect the markers for honorary road or bridge designations unless the affected city or county commission enacts a resolution supporting the designation. When the designated road or bridge segment is located in more than one city or county, resolutions supporting the designations must be passed by each affected local government prior to the erection of the markers.

### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The effects of this bill are as follows:

- SB 2506 designates that portion of State Road 520 between mile post 13.2 and mile post 15.3 which lies approximately between the West Banana River and Cape Canaveral Hospital in Brevard County as “Patrick D. Smith Causeway.” Patrick D. Smith was born October 8, 1927, in Mendenhall, Mississippi, graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1947, and received his M.A. in 1959. Smith worked in public relations for several colleges and universities in Mississippi and moved to Florida in 1966 to become the director of public relations at Brevard Community College, retiring in 1988. Smith has authored several books addressing various social issues that, in his words, reflect "the plight of the underdogs in life." Smith's work, “The Beginning”, highlights the struggles of poor whites and blacks in the south during the civil rights movement in the 1960's. Smith lived among the Seminole Indian Tribe while researching his books, “Forever Island” and “Allapattah”, which highlight the Seminole Indians' struggle to cope with the modern world. Smith lived in several migrant worker camps while researching his book, “Angel City”, which focused on the virtual slavery of migrant workers. Smith was twice invited to attend Russia's writers convention and while in Russia wrote the book, “In Search of the Russian Bear”, which is an intimate glimpse into the minds and hearts of the people of Russia who lived behind the Iron Curtain. Smith honorably served his country as a merchant marine in World War II and later wrote the book, ”The Seas that Mourn”, which tells the stories of brave merchant marines who served their country during that war. Smith's other works include, “The River is Home, “Forever Island”, and “A Land Remembered”. Smith's most recent work is “The Last Ride”, which he co-wrote with Glen "Pee Wee" Mercer, about a bull rider who was paralyzed in a bull-riding accident in 1995. Throughout his world travels, Smith has always ably represented the residents of this state and Brevard County.
- FDOT is directed to erect suitable markers

### IV. Constitutional Issues:

#### A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

#### B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

#### C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

**V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**

## A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

## B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

## C. Government Sector Impact:

FDOT estimates the cost to erect suitable road designating markers to be \$800 (\$400 per marker). The expenditure is from the State Transportation Trust Fund. FDOT is also responsible for any future maintenance and replacement cost, which is indeterminate.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

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## **VIII. Summary of Amendments:**

None.

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