

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: CS/HB 1113 Road Designations
SPONSOR(S): Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations; Drake and others
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 2054

	REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1)	Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee	12 Y, 0 N	Johnson	Miller
2)	Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Committee	11 Y, 0 N, As CS	Fennell	Creamer
3)	Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council			
4)				
5)				

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

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The bill provides the following road designations:

- State Road 285 in Okaloosa and Walton Counties that is north of College Boulevard in the City of Niceville as the “Doolittle Raiders Highway.”
- U.S. Highway 331 between the Alabama State Line and U.S. Highway 98 that includes the incorporated area of Walton Highway as “The Beach Highway.”
- State Road 79 between U.S. Highway 98 and the B.V. Buchanan Bridge in West Bay in Bay County is designated as “K. Earl Durden Highway.”

The bill requires DOT to erect suitable markers designating each of these road designations.

This cost is insignificant and can be absorbed within the Department of Transportation’s existing budget.

The bill does not create any constitutional or other legal issues. It takes effect July 1, 2010.

HOUSE PRINCIPLES

Members are encouraged to evaluate proposed legislation in light of the following guiding principles of the House of Representatives

- Balance the state budget.
- Create a legal and regulatory environment that fosters economic growth and job creation.
- Lower the tax burden on families and businesses.
- Reverse or restrain the growth of government.
- Promote public safety.
- Promote educational accountability, excellence, and choice.
- Foster respect for the family and for innocent human life.
- Protect Florida's natural beauty.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

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The statute requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to place a marker at each termini or intersection of an identified road or bridge, and to erect other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility. The statute also provides that a city or county must pass a resolution in support of a particular designation before road markers are erected. Additionally, if the designated road segment extends through multiple cities or counties, a resolution must be passed by each affected local government.

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B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 Designates the "Doolittle Raiders Highway;" directs DOT to erect suitable markers.

Section 2 Designates "The Beach Highway;" directs DOT to erect suitable markers.

Section 3 Designates "K. Earl Durden Highway."

Section 4 Provides an effective date.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

This cost is insignificant and can be absorbed within the Department of Transportation's existing budget.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable because the bill does not appear to require the counties or cities to spend funds or take an action requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that cities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with cities or counties.

2. Other:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

The Doolittle raiders were involved in the bombing of Tokyo during World War II, and planned and practiced for their mission at Eglin Air Force Base.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

Amendment 1 adds that State Road 79 between U.S. Highway 98 and the B.V. Buchanan Bridge in West Bay in Bay County is designated as "K. Earl Durden Highway" and requires DOT to erect suitable markers.

The amendment is incorporated in the staff analysis.