

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Transportation Committee

BILL: CS/SB 2054

INTRODUCER: Transportation Committee and Senator Gaetz

SUBJECT: Road Designations

DATE: March 24, 2010 REVISED: _____

| | ANALYST | STAFF DIRECTOR | REFERENCE | ACTION |
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Please see Section VIII. for Additional Information:

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| A. COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE..... | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Statement of Substantial Changes |
| B. AMENDMENTS..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | Technical amendments were recommended |
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Significant amendments were recommended |

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. These designations are for honorary purposes only, and do not require changing of street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 listings. The bill designates the following roads as follows:

- That portion of State Road 285 in Okaloosa and Walton Counties which is located north of college Boulevard in Niceville is designated as “Doolittle Raiders Highway.”
- That portion of U.S. 331 from the Alabama state line to U.S. 98 in Walton County is designated as “The Beach Highway.”
- That portion of State Road 79 in Bay County from U.S. Highway 98 to the B.V. Buchanan Bridge in West Bay is designated as “K. Earl Durden Highway.”

This bill creates undesignated sections of the Florida Statutes.

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, the Florida Department of Transportation (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 the bill are as follows:

Section 1: The bill designates the portion of State Road 285 in Okaloosa and Walton Counties which is located north of College Boulevard in Niceville as “Doolittle Raiders Highway.”

The Doolittle Raid was the first Attack on the Japanese after the attack on Pearl Harbor. The raid was organized by Lieutenant Colonel James “Jimmy” Doolittle and was carried out on April 18, 1942.

Section 2: The bill designates the portion of U.S. 331 from the Alabama state line to U.S. 98 in Walton County as “The Beach Highway.”

U.S. 331 runs north and south from the Alabama state line to Point Washington State Forest near the Gulf coast.

Section 3: The bill designates that portion of State Road 79 in Bay County from U.S. Highway 98 to the B.V. Buchanan Bridge in West Bay as “K. Earl Durden Highway.”

K. Earl Durden served as the chairman of the Florida Transportation Commission.

Section 4: The bill will take effect on July 1, 2010 if passed by the Legislature.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

FDOT estimates the cost to erect suitable road designation markers is \$2,400 (\$800 per designation). The expenditure will come 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.

VIII. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

CS by Transportation on March 24, 2010:

Amendment 769624 added a road designation for K. Earl Durden Highway.

B. Amendments:

None.