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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Transportation
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 5, 2024
Subject: Bill Brief – SB 410

SB 410 designates a portion of U.S. Highway 69 in Bourbon and Crawford Counties as the Ken W Brock Memorial Highway and a portion of U.S. 81 highway as the Merle Miller Memorial Highway.

Section 1 provides that the Ken W Brock Memorial Highway will begin on the portion of United States Highway 69 from the junction with grand road in Bourbon County, then south to the junction with East 650th Avenue in Crawford County.

Section 2 provides that the Merle Miller Memorial Highway will begin on the portion of U.S. highway 81 from the Kansas-Nebraska border then south to the southern border of Republic County.

Section 3 amends current law to redesignate that portion of U.S. 81 that was already named as the Frank Carlson Memorial Highway to designate the Merle Miller Memorial Highway. The remaining portion of the Frank Carlson Memorial Highway will remain designated.

Highway signs designating the highways as the Ken W Brock Memorial Highway and the Merle Miller Memorial Highway will not be placed until the requirements of K.S.A. 68-10,114 are met. K.S.A. 68-10,114 provides that the Secretary of Transportation should not place any signs designating memorial highways until receiving sufficient funds from gifts and donations to cover the costs of those signs. Additionally, the Secretary must receive an additional 50% of the initial cost to pay for future maintenance or replacement costs for the signs.

The Senate Committee on Transportation amended SB 410 to include the Merle Miller Memorial Highway. The bill passed the Senate Committee of the Whole 40-0.

The bill becomes effective upon publication in the statute book.