

Legislative Analysis



SAMUEL R. COSTELLO MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

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House Bill 4228 as reported from committee

Sponsor: Rep. Beau Matthew LaFave

1st Committee: Transportation

2nd Committee: Ways and Means

Complete to 12-10-19

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(Enacted as Public Act 161 of 2020)

SUMMARY:

House Bill 4228 would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of highway US-41 in Menominee County that begins at the northern city limits of the city of Menominee and continues north to the village of Daggett as the "Samuel R. Costello Memorial Highway."

Proposed MCL 250.2086

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

According to committee testimony and the *Menominee Herald-Leader*, Samuel R. Costello was born July 15, 1930. He was a graduate of Menominee High School, where he played on the varsity football team as a center. He enlisted in the United States Air Force on October 28, 1948. After completing basic training, he left the United States in January 1950 to be stationed in Tokyo, where he served until his deployment to the Philippines was ordered.

The *Menominee Herald-Leader* reported on December 22, 1950, that the Department of Defense had informed Samuel's father, James Costello, by telegram that Samuel was reported missing in flight from Okinawa to Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. Samuel was believed to have been aboard a C-54 military transport plane that crashed high on 9,234-foot Mount Tabayoc, in Luzon in the Philippines, with 37 people aboard. Although an air-sea rescue squadron dropped first aid supplies, food, and blankets, Air Force officials said all 37 in the plane were presumed dead. Samuel Costello was 20 years old. His body was later recovered and returned to the United States, and he was interred at Riverside Cemetery in Menominee on May 19, 1951.

Dedicating a portion of highway US-41 in Menominee County to the memory of Samuel R. Costello would be an appropriate way to honor his life and his sacrifice to his community, the state of Michigan, and the nation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Section 2 of the Michigan Memorial Highway Act indicates that the state transportation department shall provide for the erection of suitable markers indicating the name of the highway only “when sufficient private contributions are received to completely cover the cost of erecting and maintaining those markers.” As a result, the bill has no state or local fiscal impact.

POSITIONS:

The Department of Transportation indicated a neutral position on the bill. (12-10-19)

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