

Legislative Analysis



WASHTENAW COUNTY VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

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House Bill 4602 as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Jimmie Wilson, Jr.
Committee: Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure
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(Enacted as Public Act 153 of 2023)

SUMMARY:

House Bill 4602 would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate I-94 in Washtenaw County between US-23 and Rawsonville Road as the “Washtenaw County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.”

Proposed MCL 250.1018c

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

According to committee testimony and the Washtenaw Genealogy Association, a memorial is not about war, it’s about people recognizing military personnel who honorably served their country. The Washtenaw County Vietnam Veterans Memorial lists those veterans from Washtenaw County who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. This memorial recognizes and honors the spirit of men and women who were committed to defending our freedoms, and to those who dedicated their service, centered on the motto that declares “never again will one generation of veterans abandon another.”

Designating a portion of highway I-94 between US-23 and Rawsonville Road would be an appropriate way to honor the serve and sacrifice of the Washtenaw County Vietnam Veteran service members who served our nation, our state, and their community.

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 Michigan Department of Transportation indicated a neutral position on the bill. (6-20-23)

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