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Senate Bill 121 (as passed by the Senate)
Sponsor: Senator Walter H. North
Committee: Government Operations

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RATIONALE

Murray D. VanWagoner (March 18, 1898-June 12, 1986) is a famous person in Michigan history. Mr. VanWagoner held the elected post of State Highway Commissioner from 1933 to 1940, after which he was elected Governor for 1941-42. He has been acclaimed for his efforts in establishing Michigan's first roadside parks and information centers, and for advocating the building of the Mackinac Bridge. Appointed to the Mackinac Bridge Authority when it was created, he served on the Authority for more than 30 years. It has been suggested that the State Transportation Department Building be named after Mr. VanWagoner.

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 173 of 1968, which names certain State buildings, to provide that the State Transportation Department Building in the Lansing capitol complex would be named the Murray D. VanWagoner Building.

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ARGUMENTS

(Please note: The arguments contained in this analysis originate from sources outside the Senate Fiscal Agency. The Senate Fiscal Agency neither supports nor opposes legislation.)

Supporting Argument

Murray D. VanWagoner is a well-respected public servant in Michigan history who had a long, distinguished career, particularly in transportation-related matters. It would be a fitting tribute to rename the State Transportation Department Building the Murray D. VanWagoner Building in his honor.

Legislative Analyst: G. Towne

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a minimal fiscal impact depending on the cost of the designation at the building.

Fiscal Analyst: B. Bowerman

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