

Legislative Analysis



WASHTENAW COUNTY VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

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House Bill 5572 as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Ronnie Peterson
Committee: Transportation
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5572 would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate the portion of highway I-94 in Washtenaw County between highway US-23 and Rawsonville Road as the “Washtenaw County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.”

Proposed MCL 250.1098c

BACKGROUND:

As expressed in committee testimony, a memorial is not about war—it’s about people recognizing military personnel who honorably served their country. The Washtenaw County Vietnam Veterans Memorial, located south of Ypsilanti, lists the names of those from the county who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country or are still missing in action. This memorial recognizes and honors the spirit of servicemembers who were dedicated to defending our freedoms. Designating a portion of highway I-94 between highway US-23 and Rawsonville Road would be an appropriate way to honor the service and sacrifice of those Washtenaw County servicemembers who, in the words of the memorial, “served honorably at a time and in a place that divided our 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 Michigan Department of Transportation indicated a neutral position on the bill. (2-15-22)

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