

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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| LRB Number 23-3906/1 | Introduction Number AB-0456 | Estimate Type Original |
| Description designating and marking the Deputy Kaitie Leising Memorial Highway | | |

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Department to designate and mark a 15-mile stretch of STH 128 from STH 64 to I 94 as the Deputy Kaitie Leising Memorial Highway. The Department would place one interpretive marker, within this 15-mile stretch of highway, outside of the highway right-of-way to designate the Deputy Kaitie Leising Memorial Highway. The Department typically installs interpretive markers outside of the highway right-of-way at waysides, rest areas, parks, or other suitable local locations as coordinated with local authorities. There are two options for off right-of-way memorial highway signing:

- Option one - the sign may have black lettering on a white background, and would list the name of the memorial highway, as designated by statute. It would also contain the text of paragraph one of the statute and include the statute number. The cost for this option is approximately \$780 per sign.
- Option two - the sign may be a multi-colored interpretive sign with a choice of wording and design. The cost for this option is approximately \$1,560 per sign.

These costs include manufacturing and installation of the signs.

The Department must follow the requirements of the Wisconsin Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for signage when marking this memorial highway.

Representatives of St. Croix County Highway Department have expressed a willingness to pay for or complete the construction and erection of the signs, which could eliminate any fiscal effect on the Department.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

These signs will require ongoing maintenance and replacement every 12 years. Interpretive markers erected outside of the highway right-of-way are estimated to cost \$560.00 to \$980.00 each to replace, depending on the desired intricacy of the design. All long-term costs assume no post replacements, which would increase the costs.