

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 497
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

There have been calls to honor the life and service of Trooper Carlos Ray Warren. S.B. 497 seeks to provide this recognition by designating a portion of State Highway 71 as the Trooper Carlos Ray Warren Memorial Highway.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 497 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of State Highway 71 in Travis County between its intersection with State Highway 130 and the Bastrop County line as the Trooper Carlos Ray Warren Memorial Highway in addition to any other designation. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Trooper Carlos Ray Warren Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.