

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. G. Smith  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Nelson

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

**Fiscal:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and as Printed B-Engrossed

**Vote:** 25 – 0 – 0

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Freeman, Garrard, Komp, Kotek, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan, Richardson, G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Thomsen, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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**Meeting Date:** June 20, 2011

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires the Department of Transportation to erect and maintain a roadside memorial sign under certain circumstances for police officer killed in line of duty. The measure also creates a Roadside Memorial Fund and continuously appropriates money for purposes of erecting and maintaining the roadside memorial signs.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fiscal impact to Department of Transportation
- Need for fee to carry out provisions of the bill

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Prohibits any state, local or special government body from expending money to pay the fee required in the measure.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, roadside signs that are not used to control traffic which includes memorials, political signs, and balloons are not allowed because, if not controlled, can interfere with road maintenance, distract drivers, and be dangerous for people visiting sites near busy highways. In lieu of personal roadside memorials that are often removed, fall into disarray, or serve as distractions, House Bill 3039 creates a limited, but official way to memorialize deceased police officers on state highways. House Bill 3039 creates a memorial to diminish personal roadside memorials to enhance public safety near highways.