

Legislative Analysis



UNDERGROUND RAILROAD MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

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House Bill 5491

Sponsor: Rep. Lorence Wenke

Committee: Transportation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5491 AS INTRODUCED 2-5-04

The bill would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to create the Underground Railroad Memorial Highway.

The bill specifies that the following portions of highway will be known as the "Underground Railroad Memorial Highway": the portion of I-94 beginning at exit 98, and continuing east to exit 110 in Calhoun County; the portion of US-131 in Schoolcraft Township beginning at the intersection of US-131 and West U Avenue in Kalamazoo County, and continuing south to the intersection of West XY avenue and US-131; and, the portion of I-69 in Calhoun County.

MCL 250.1080

FISCAL IMPACT:

Section 2 of PA 142 indicates that the state transportation department shall only provide for the erection of suitable markers indicating the name of the highway "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.

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