

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1483
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Defense & Veterans' Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note that Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, known as the "American Sniper," is considered one of the most lethal snipers in U.S. history and, following retirement, dedicated his efforts to helping his fellow veterans transition back into civilian life. H.B. 1483 seeks to designate a portion of State Highway 191 in Ector County as the Chris Kyle Memorial Highway in an effort to educate West Texans and those that visit the Permian Basin of the impact and sacrifice that he made in service to this country and to his fellow veterans throughout his life.

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

H.B. 1483 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of State Highway 191 in Ector County as the Chris Kyle Memorial Highway. 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 Chris Kyle 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, 2017.