

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2521
By: Harris
Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Judge Bascom Bentley III, a man admired by many in Palestine, passed away on December 11, 2017. Given Judge Bentley's lifelong accomplishments as an attorney, judge, and mentor, there have been calls from Palestine to honor his life and career with a memorial roadway designation in his name. H.B. 2521 seeks to recognize Judge Bentley by designating State Loop 256 in the city of Palestine as the Bascom W. Bentley III Memorial Loop.

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. 2521 amends the Transportation Code to designate State Loop 256 in the city of Palestine as the Bascom W. Bentley III Memorial Loop. 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 Bascom W. Bentley III Memorial Loop and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at appropriate sites along the loop.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2021.