

# Legislative Analysis



## ARMY SPECIALIST LEVI K. HOOVER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

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**House Bill 4089 as reported from committee**

**Sponsor: Rep. Bill G. Schuette**

**Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure**

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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4089 would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to designate highway US-10 in the city of Midland, from North Jefferson Road to Eastman Avenue, as the "Army Specialist Levi K. Hoover Memorial Highway."

Proposed MCL 250.1016e

### BACKGROUND:

According to committee testimony and online sources, Army Specialist Levi K. Hoover was born March 21, 1984, in Parma, Ohio to Kenneth William and Belinda Meyer Hoover. He attended Midland Schools and graduated from Dow High School in 2002.

In high school, Levi wrestled and was a member of the steering committee that helped set school policy. While in high school, Levi told his friends and family that his dream was to travel to Alaska and have a career in law enforcement. In his journey toward that goal, Levi earned a criminal justice degree from Delta College in 2004. During summer of that year, he was employed with the Gladwin County Marine Patrol Sheriff's Department. In the summer of 2005, Levi realized his dream of traveling to Alaska, where he worked as a ranger's assistant at Independence Mine State Park in Wasilla.

In the latter months of 2005, Levi enlisted in the Army and was assigned to the 5th Squadron, 73rd Calvary Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. After completing his military training, he was deployed to New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina. He was then deployed to Zaganayah, Iraq, in 2006.

On April 7, 2007, while securing an area in Zaganayah, an improvised explosive device was detonated near his unit, and Army Specialist Levi K. Hoover died from his injuries. He was 23 years old.

Designating a portion of highway US-10 in Midland would be an appropriate way to recognize his sacrifice, his dedication to his community, our state and our country.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Section 2 of the Michigan Memorial Highway Act indicates that the state transportation department shall provide for the erection of suitable markers indicating the name of the highway only "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.

**POSITIONS:**

The Department of Transportation indicated a neutral position on the bill. (10-21-25)

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