

Date of Hearing: September 13, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Jim Frazier, Chair

SCR 56 (Anderson) – As Introduced May 18, 2017

SENATE VOTE: 33-0

SUBJECT: Historic Highway Route 67

SUMMARY: Designates Highway Route 67 in the County of San Diego as Historic Highway Route 67. Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) Recounts the history of Highway Route 67 and its importance to the development of California.
- 2) Designates Highway Route 67 in the County of San Diego as Historic Highway Route 67.
- 3) Clarifies that the designation of Historic Highway Route 67 shall have no impact upon the future planning or development of adjacent private and public properties.
- 4) Requires that the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with signing requirements for the state highway system showing the special Historic Highway Route 67 designation, and, upon receiving donations from non-state sources for that cost, to facilitate the erection of those signs at appropriate locations on Historic Highway Route 67.

EXISTING LAW: Assigns Caltrans the responsibility of operating and maintaining state highways including the installation and maintenance of highway signs.

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown, but the resolution requests that Caltrans only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

COMMENTS: The author seeks to honor the history of the El Cajon Valley in San Diego County and the path now known as Highway Route 67. Highway 67 originally followed an ancient Kumeyaay Native American trail through the eastern part of San Diego County to the Laguna Mountains to facilitate communication and trade among villages. The route was later used by Spanish explorers, Mexican ranchos owners, and the United States military to reach the El Cajon Valley.

In the late 19th century, Highway 67, known as the Julian road, was used for stagecoaches and transportation of private farming operations. In 1880's the route also served as a railroad corridor for travel from San Diego to El Cajon with a final stop in the city of Foster. The railroad was used to carry miners and goods during the state's second gold rush.

In 1926, San Diego County declared the Julian road a county boulevard and in 1933 the road that eventually became Highway Route 67 and was added to the state highway system. Highway 67 runs approximately 24 miles from El Cajon to Ramona and is a significant transportation corridor with abundant natural, cultural, historic, and scenic qualities.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Monterey County

Opposition

None on file

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