

Date of Hearing: January 8, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Lori D. Wilson, Chair

SCR 59 (Ochoa Bogh) – As Introduced May 1, 2023

**SENATE VOTE:** 39-0

**SUBJECT:** Senator Bob Dutton Memorial Overcrossing

**SUMMARY:** Designates the overcrossing on State Route 210 at Archibald Avenue in the City of Rancho Cucamonga as the Senator Bob Dutton Memorial Overcrossing. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

**EXISTING LAW:** Assigns the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) the responsibility of operating and maintaining state highways. This includes the installation and maintenance of highway signs.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Unknown, but the measure requests that Caltrans determine the cost of appropriate signage consistent with requirements for the state highway system, and only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

**COMMENTS:** The passing of Senator Robert “Bob” D. Dutton at 71 years of age, on July 23, 2022, has brought a sense of immense sorrow and loss to the people of the County of San Bernardino.

Senator Dutton was born in the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, on October 13, 1950, and moved to California in 1969, where he served in the United States Army Reserve and California Air National Guard. Senator Dutton dedicated his life to the people of the City of Rancho Cucamonga and the County of San Bernardino, serving over 50 years in the community, where he was nicknamed “RC Bob”. Senator Dutton opened a real estate investment and management firm, Dutton & Associates, Inc., with his father, Ted Dutton, located in the City of Rancho Cucamonga and served as a board member and president of the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce.

Senator Dutton was elected to the Rancho Cucamonga City Council in 1998, where he led the fight to eliminate the city’s utility tax, which was successfully abolished in 2001. Senator Dutton was elected to the California State Assembly to serve the 63rd Assembly District in 2002 and was elected to the California State Senate to serve the 31st Senate District in 2004, where he served as the Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Rules and the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review. He took the lead on housing and transportation issues, and was deeply passionate about fiscal responsibility and defending taxpayers. As a state legislator, Senator Dutton led the effort to pardon Snickers the Bear, an orphaned black bear in his district, by hand delivering the letters of local schoolchildren to then Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. He requested Snickers be returned from a state facility to Wildhaven Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary and be united with her companion, Little Bear, a fellow orphaned black bear. Senator Dutton was elected to serve as the County of San Bernardino’s Assessor-Recorder-Clerk in 2014 and was appointed County Clerk where he led a department of 250 county employees.

Senator Dutton received many honors, including being named Legislator of the Year by the League of California Cities, the California State Sheriffs' Association, the California Alliance of Small Business Associations, and the California Small Business Roundtable. Senator Dutton served many community and civic organizations, including the YMCA, the American Red Cross, the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce, the Community Foundation, and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Council.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:****Support**

City of Rancho Cucamonga  
County Recorders Association of California  
County of San Bernardino  
San Bernardino Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk  
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority

**Opposition**

None on file

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