Proposed law designates the Black Bayou Bridge on Louisiana Highway 384 in Calcasieu Parish as the "Dorothy Carter Memorial Bridge." Proposed law directs DOTD to erect and maintain appropriate signage reflecting this designation provided that local or private monies are received by the department equal to the department's actual costs for material, fabrication, mounting posts, and installation of each sign, not to exceed the sum of $550 per sign.

Proposed law will create a direct and indirect increase in expenditures. DOTD will expend approximately $1,100 local and/or private monies - designated as SGR - for the material, fabrication cost, mounting posts and labor required for the installation of two signs (approximately $550 each). The signs will designate the Black Bayou Bridge on Louisiana Highway 384 in Calcasieu Parish as the "Dorothy Carter Memorial Bridge." DOTD installs and maintains signage as a normal operating expense associated with maintaining the state highways.

The indirect increase in expenditures is attributable to the long-term maintenance and possible replacement costs for damaged or destroyed signs. The maintenance cost over time should be negligible, but to the extent that additional signage is added to the department's inventory each year, the department's effort to maintain them increases incrementally. Material and labor costs for any new signage is estimated to recur every 10 years in perpetuity, as roadway signs must be replaced due to age or damage.

For illustrative purposes, the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature resulted in ten Acts requiring DOTD to fabricate and install 34 signs, 26 of which included a provision that local or private monies must cover the cost of materials, fabrication and installation. The initial cost incurred due to these legislative actions was estimated to be $19,800 ($15,400 SGR assuming local/private monies were collected, exclusive of long-term maintenance and replacement costs; and $4,400 Statutory Deductions out of the TTF-Regular). The Legislature passed no acts in the 2020 legislative sessions designating highways or bridges as those bills were not heard during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic response.

Proposed law directs DOTD to erect and maintain signs of the aforementioned designation provided local or private monies are received by the department to fabricate and install the signs. The LFO assumes a one-time SGR collection of $1,100 for the department's use for material, fabrication, mounting and installing of two signs (approximately $550 each).