

## Senate Transportation Committee

*Kat Bourque 271-3091*

**HB 508**, naming the New Hampshire Army National Guard Regional Training Institute and Barracks facility in Pembroke after Colonel Edward Cross.

**Hearing Date:** March 7, 2017

**Time Opened:** 2:20 p.m.

**Time Closed:** 2:30 p.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Gannon, Ward and McGilvray

**Members of the Committee Absent :** Senators Birdsell and Watters

**Bill Analysis:** This bill names the New Hampshire Army National Guard Regional Training Institute and Barracks facility in Pembroke after Colonel Edward Cross.

**Sponsors:**

Rep. Chandler  
Rep. J. Graham

Rep. Theberge  
Sen. Bradley

Rep. R. Ober

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**Who supports the bill:** Darryl Perry (Liberty Lobby LLC), Rep. Graham, Rep. Chandler, Sean Bennett (NH Army National Guard), Major Ford (NH Army National Guard).

**Who opposes the bill:** No one.

**Who is neutral on the bill:** No one.

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

*Rep. Chandler*

*Prime Sponsor*

- This bill names the New Hampshire Army National Guard Regional Training Institute and Barracks facility in Pembroke after Col. Edward Cross.
- Rep. Chandler submitted the blurb from the House Calendar.

*Rep. Graham*

- Rep. Graham explained that Col. Cross perished in Gettysburg.
- The National Guard has asked that this training area be named for him as Col. Cross took great pride in training his team to be ready at all times. They believe that this spirit is inspirational and should be remembered.

*Col. Bennett and Major Ford*

- NH National Guard supports the naming of this site after Col. Edward Cross.

- They support the naming of the Pembroke training site in order to support the spirit of Col. Cross and those who serve there currently.
- Col. Cross's hometown is Lancaster, New Hampshire, where Col. Bennett is also from.
- As commander, Col. Cross recognized the need to improve his men. He strived to improve the education and training in his group.
- Memorializing the location with his name will certainly support the spirit of the site now and in the future.

**Summary of testimony presented in opposition :** N/A

**Neutral Information Presented:** N/A

**Future Action:** Pending

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Date Hearing Report completed: March 8, 2017