

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 1759
Version:	CCS (7911)
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Impact:	County Roads and Bridges – Potential Savings From Efficiencies; Signage: Cost Range – \$200 to \$1000 per sign

Bill Summary

Fiscal Summary

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The CCS for HB 1759 raises the cost threshold for repairs to county equipment, machinery or vehicles that require a purchase order from the county purchasing agent from \$2,500 to \$5,000. The measure increases the culvert and bridge project thresholds that require engineering plans and specifications to be prepared by the county engineer from \$75,000 to \$150,000, and increases the cost estimate amount that triggers the requirement that engineering plans and specifications be prepared on grade-and-drainage projects from \$150,000 to \$300,000. The measure also raises the cost limit for those county bridge projects that may be done by the force account method from \$200,000 to \$400,000. Finally, the CCS for HB 1759 designates the portion of U.S. Highway 81 from the Enid, Oklahoma, city limits north to the junction with U.S. Highway 64 as the “SSG Chris Hake Memorial Highway,” and also designates the portion of State Highway 6 from the junction of State Highway 6 and U.S. Highway 283 extending west to the junction of State Highway 6 and State Highway 152 as the “Trooper David Nalley Memorial Highway”.

Fiscal Analysis

Force account road and bridge construction means the direct performance of highway construction work done by a county, employing the labor, equipment, materials and supplies of the county and used under its direct control. Increasing the force account limits would allow a county to employ its own resources for more road and bridge projects and thus potentially realize the savings in costs and time that are often associated with the force account method.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation has previously indicated that the cost of signs on roads and bridges ranges between \$200 - \$1,000 per sign depending on size and complexity. Most signage cost on designated roads and bridges are near the low end of the cost scale.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

As Stated Above

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