

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 2584</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>Introduced</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Representative Thomsen</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>2/1/2010</b>
<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Positive \$2,497,842</b>

**Bill Summary**

Research Analyst: Dawn Marks

House Bill 2584 removes grade five social studies, grade eight social studies, grade seven geography, English III, United States History, Algebra II and grades three through eight fine arts tests from the list of state tests school districts must give students.

The bill also removes the opportunity for students to take the English II exam up to three times each year to score at the proficient level.

The bill also repeals laws that provide for remediation for students not scoring in the proficient level on certain tests and funding for remediation.

**Fiscal Summary**

Fiscal Analyst: Nicole Barnes

HB 2584, as introduced, deletes a number of tests required by the Oklahoma School Testing program, including 5<sup>th</sup> grade social studies, 7<sup>th</sup> grade geography, 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies, and the End-of-Instruction Tests for English III, U.S. History, and Algebra II. The measure also deletes the requirement for fine arts assessments in grades three through 8.

**Fiscal Analysis**

According to the State Department of Education, the state's total testing contract is not broken down by subject, so estimates were calculated by subtracting certain fixed costs, then calculating by student, subject and grade. The cost per test for criterion-reference tests administered in grades three through eight is approximately \$259,567; if three such tests were eliminated (5<sup>th</sup> grade social studies, 7<sup>th</sup> grade geography, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies), savings would amount to \$778,701. The agency can more easily identify costs associated with End-of-Instruction (EOI) tests; with some overlap costs eliminated, the cost by EOI is \$365,524 for Algebra II, \$996,372 for English III, and \$357,245 for U.S. History, for a total savings of \$1,719,141. Combining all tests eliminated would yield annual savings of approximately \$2,497,842.

**Long Term Fiscal Considerations**

None

Fiscal Analysis Reviewed By:

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