

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature

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| Bill No.: | SB 1384 |
| Version: | Engrossed |
| Author: | Representative Williams/ Senator Rice |
| Date: | 3/26/2010 |
| Impact: | \$0 State Cost |

**Workers' Compensation Court –
Minimal Administrative Costs**

Bill Summary

Research Analyst: Dusty Darr

Engrossed Senate Bill (ESB) 1384 requires the Oklahoma Tax Commission, the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Court and the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission to share information and coordinate investigative and enforcement efforts for the purpose of detecting employers who intentionally misclassify individuals as independent contractors rather than employees for the purpose of affecting procedures and payments relating to withholding and social security, unemployment tax or workers' compensation premiums.

In addition, the measure authorizes the aforementioned agencies to create a secure informational database accessible to enforcement representatives of the agencies. The measure also authorizes the agencies to enter into contracts, interagency agreements and promulgate rules as necessary to implement the requirements of the measure.

The title and enacting clause have been stricken from the measure in its current form.

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Analyst: Terry McKenna

ESB 1384 provides that the Oklahoma Tax Commission, Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Court and Oklahoma Employment Security Commission shall share information and coordinate investigative and enforcement efforts for the purpose of detecting those employers who intentionally misclassify individuals as independent contractors rather than employees for the purpose of affecting procedures and payments relating to withholding and social security, unemployment tax or workers' compensation premiums. The agencies shall be authorized to create a secure database of information accessible by agency representatives responsible for enforcement and shall be further authorized to enter into contracts and interagency agreements and promulgate such rules as may be necessary to implement this section.

Fiscal Analysis

In its present form, ESB 1384 has no impact on state revenues or resources.

The Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Court advises that there could be minimal administrative costs associated with the provisions of this measure.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

None

Fiscal Analysis Reviewed By:

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