

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

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 346</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Sen. Crain/Rep. Ritze</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>April 9, 2009</b>
<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Potentially budget neutral</b>

**Bill Summary**

Research Analyst: Marcia Goff

The Committee Substitute for Engrossed SB 346 authorizes the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) to establish a fee for an initial or alternative advance directive form submitted to the registry for the purpose of covering the cost of establishing and administering the registry. The measure directs the OSDH to establish and maintain an advance directives registry that will be used to store advance directives that are filed with the registry, and requires the Department to make advance directive forms available on its website.

**Fiscal Summary**

Fiscal Analyst: Mark Newman

The CS for ESB 346 directs the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) and State Board of Health to establish an Internet-based advanced health care directive registry, to promulgate rules, to establish fees to cover the cost of establishing and maintaining the advance directive registry database, and to publish advance directive forms.

**Fiscal Analysis**

Based on information provided by OSDH, the projected cost of implementing the provisions of the CS for ESB 346 will be \$70,000. Salary and benefits will make up \$62,000 of the estimated cost, while supplies, computers, and software comprise the remaining \$8,000. The actual costs associated with implementing similar programs in other states range from \$60,000 in Arizona to \$912,000 in Virginia.

The CS for ESB 346 also authorizes OSDH to establish fees sufficient to cover the cost of establishing and maintaining an advance directive registry database. Provided the fees are sufficient to meet the expenses previously mentioned, the CS for ESB 346 will be budget neutral.

**Long Term Fiscal Considerations**

None

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