

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1031</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Between \$468,100 and \$868,100 over a 5-year period</b>

**Research Analysis**

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**Fiscal Analysis**

According to the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS), Child Welfare Services conducts approximately 250,000 hours of interviews per year during the course of child abuse or neglect investigations or assessments. Under HB 1031, these interviews will be required to be archived permanently, as are all child welfare records.

Special equipment must be purchased for a minimum of 381 employees. Digital voice recorders are estimated at \$80 each and the connective wire used to upload recordings from recorder to computer are estimated to cost \$20 each for a total estimated cost of \$38,100.

All investigators and supervisors would have to be trained in the use, storage, and retrieval of the information at an undetermined cost.

The two storage options for this proposed mandate include storing the information:

- (1) If the information was placed within the OKDHS Enterprise Content Management (ECM) platform using a storage area network (SAN), OKDHS estimates that it would cost \$100,000 for a 5-year period; or
- (2) If the information was placed in the KIDS (Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System – SACWIS) file cabinet, OKDHS estimates that it would cost \$500,000 over a 5-year period.

Storage capability of this magnitude requires a file management capability to index and store the information in a manner that makes retrieval possible. Audio file e-discovery is a technology area that is developing and for which OKDHS currently has no capability. A vendor that markets an audio e-discovery product has an average one-time installation cost of \$330,000.

OKDHS estimates that total cost for recording and storage of audio recordings, not including training costs or potential Full-time employees (FTE), is estimated at between \$468,100 and \$868,100 for a 5-year period.

All costs would have to be fully from state appropriations since the federal child welfare related grants do not allow for investigative costs.

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**Other Considerations**

OKDHS believes there may be some evidentiary issues related to using recorded interviews.