

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 2373
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Impact:	OHCA: Budget Neutral

Research Analysis

HB 2373, as introduced, authorizes county commissioners to execute deeds of conveyance of any county lands acquired at tax resale to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) if the OHCA has liens on the land. The OHCA may file a release of the lien in the county records if OHCA does not wish to receive lands.

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Fiscal Analysis

Officials from the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) advise that federal laws related to Medicaid provide that OHCA place liens on homesteads of Medicaid recipients who will not return to that home. OHCA does not have the authority to hold title to property; but in many instances holds liens on properties in excess of their market value. Such a scenario greatly dilutes the marketability of the property, and discourages the payment of property taxes by residual land owners. HB 2373 is designed to increase the marketability of property by allowing OHCA to release its lien in order to facilitate a county sale. OHCA anticipates HB 2373 will be budget neutral, considering that many liens will be released due to their diminished or negative value related to unpaid property taxes.

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Other Considerations

None at this time