

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 54th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1888
Version:	INT
Request Number:	5462
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Impact:	OMES/CIO:

Project Budget of \$260,000
(excluding internal labor estimate)

Identified Implementation: \$220,000
Maintenance: \$40,000

Research Analysis

HB 1888, as introduced, creates the Oklahoma State Government Open Records One-Stop Initiative and directs the Chief Information Officer maintain an online web presence where individuals can request electronic copies of documents that are subject to the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

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Fiscal Analysis

Cost estimates for the project provided by the office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO) indicate a total project budget of \$299,000. Included are specific estimates for:

Software - \$200,000
External Labor – 20,000
Maintenance – 40,000
Internal Labor – 39,700

In reviewing the cost estimates it appears the start-up direct budgeted costs may approach \$220,000, with an on-going maintenance budgeted at \$40,000. With internal labor potentially not involving an outlay, but is included to reflect the value of the efforts of the existing employees, that cost is not included in the total of \$260,000.

The report from the CIO included these “Issues/Assumptions”:

- New process with OSF (sic) as central contact; working with agencies to fulfill request; follow-up; communication
- Each request is unique and may require tech resource to post responses on data.ok.gov
- Software maintenance is based on 25 user licenses – we would likely need more; pricing was as-of April 2012
- Unknown number of open records requests. Estimates are based on 20 requests per week.
- Depending on volume of data, support contract with data.gov may be affected

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Other Considerations

Among the comments provided by the CIO on identified issues:

- Issue: This bill would require agencies to produce records requested through this site in only an electronic format.
 - Comment: At present, public bodies are not required to create/present a record deemed open in a format in which it doesn't exist. This provision is Section 24A.18 – Page 80 of the OMOR book, 17th Edition.
- Issue: Producing data in electronic formats
 - Comment: This could increase the cost on the part of the agencies to produce an open record (see above), especially if all records would be required to be produced in a format accepted by the data.ok.gov system.
 - Comment: Only certain file formats can be accepted by the data.ok.gov system. Some legacy systems in use by agencies may not be able to produce files in these formats.
 - Comment: Agencies receive open records requests for everything from legal discoveries to personnel to datasets. Language needs to be added to the legislation that keeps in place the restrictions and protected records already in statute. Possible language could be “Records requested through this site shall be made available through the data.ok.gov portal unless they are restricted elsewhere on state statute or under the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

The project costs as provided seem to be high, especially when compared to recent legislation with similar objectives. HB 2857 (2012), the Oklahoma State Government Debt Transparency and Online Checkbook One Stop Initiative, included implementation cost estimates from a minimal cost to a cost of under \$20,000. Efforts will continue to gain a clearer understanding of the costs associated with HB 1888.