

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 54th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB2900
Version:	CS
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Impact:	None

Research Analysis

HB 2900 transfers the Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board from the authority of the State Board of Agriculture to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. The measure also creates the Oklahoma Resource Reclamation Act, which requires absentee landowners to remove eastern red cedars, if an infestation, as defined in the bill, is determined to exist. The measure provides a sequence of steps to provide for the removal of the trees. The measure also encourages insurers to provide incentives to policyholders who create a fuel-free zone around their homes and other structures. The measure also defines “qualifying eastern red cedar property,” which is eligible for a reassessment and reclassification from the county assessor. Finally, the measure directs the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to add manufacturers of products made from trees harvested in Oklahoma and are registered with the Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board to the central purchasing vendor registry system, and waives the registration fee for the first year of registration.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2900 has been reviewed and determined to have no fiscal impact on state revenues. This bill relates to the removal of and/or the controlled spreading of the Eastern Red Cedar, and moves the oversight of the Board which oversees same to the Department of Commerce.

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Other Considerations

None.