

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 629
Version:	CCR A
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Impact:	OSDH Costs: Approximately \$800,000, Funded through appropriation increase and savings resulting from HB 1467

Research Analysis

The CSS for SB 629 makes nursing facilities operated by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) subject to the requirements of the Nursing Home Care Act. The measure requires the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) to conduct at least one annual unannounced inspection of the facilities operated by ODVA. The measure also gives OSDH the authority to approve employer-based nurse aide training programs provided by ODVA and prohibits those facilities from employing a nurse aide who is not certified and who is not eligible for placement on the State Health Department's nurse aide registry.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure makes Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) nursing facilities subject to certain State Health Department (OSDH) regulation. OSDH estimates an annual cost of approximately \$800,000 and 9 FTEs to accomplish the regulation of ODVA facilities required by the measure. [Start-up costs are attributable to software and computer equipment. Annual ongoing costs are attributable to salary and fringe, travel and motor-pool expenses, and office space.]

The measure does not allow OSDH to recover regulatory costs from ODVA facilities through fees or assessed penalties. However the General Appropriations bill provided \$500,000 in new monies to OSDH to fund the added responsibilities of SB 629; the remaining cost of the measure is to be funded by savings resulting from enrolled HB 1467, which restructured a number of boards, councils and committees within OSDH. The estimated savings resulting from HB 1467 are \$300,000 annually; this amount will remain in OSDH's appropriation with the intent of combining with the \$500,000 in new appropriated dollars to fully fund SB 629.

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Other Considerations

None at this time

