

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1st Session of the 54<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 996</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>7640</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Impact dependent upon appropriation</b>

**Research Analysis**

The committee substitute creates the Emergency Drought Protection Special Fund consisting of funds appropriated for that purpose. When the Governor makes a formal declaration of emergency drought conditions, the Emergency Drought Commission will be formed. Members will be the executive director of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, secretary of agriculture and the executive director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. The commission will determine the expenditures to be made from the fund and will serve as a drought advisory panel to the Governor and state agencies.

Funds may be spent for pond cleanup and construction, water conservation methods in production agriculture, providing water to livestock, rural fire suppression, red cedar eradication, drought-related soil conservation practices, emergency infrastructure conservation and measures and any other drought response activities identified by the Governor. The measure appropriates to the fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, \$10 million or what may be necessary to provide emergency drought relief.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

CS for SB 996 creates the Emergency Drought Relief Fund but provides no appropriations to the fund, so the impact of the measure would be dependent upon an appropriation to the fund.

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**Other Considerations**

None.