

# *Oklahoma State Senate*

## *Bill Summary and Fiscal Impact*

**Agency:** All agencies

**Bill Number:** HB 1914

**Senate Author:** Johnson, R.

**House Author:** Shannon

**FY '14 Impact:** Unsure/ no affect to appropriations

**Full Year Impact:** Unsure/ no affect to appropriations

**Bill Summary and Comments:** This bill puts a moratorium on any new fees or fee increases until January 1, 2016. A fee increase is allowed if it does not exceed the rate of inflation, is required to comply with federal law or if the fee is due to violating the law. The measure also requires that all fees include a fee justification statement. This bill is of much concern to nonappropriated agencies. Most of those agencies already pay about half of their income to the general revenue fund and other agencies for services (IT, DCS, Attorney General, etc.) Therefore, their ability to respond to any sudden costs are already hampered. They fear this bill, although short term, could cause more problems. Also, many agencies already require approval from the legislature before they could create or raise any fees, so the necessity of this legislation is questioned.