

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 52nd Legislature

Bill No.:	HJR 1035
Version:	Senate Amendments
Author:	Rep. Enns/Sen. Jolley
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Impact:	Reallocation of Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund Expenditures

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Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Analyst: Mark Newman

The SA to HJR 1035 will refer a proposed constitutional amendment to a vote of the people at the next general election to re-allocate ten percent of the earnings from the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund. The measure provides that ninety percent of the earnings shall be expended on clinical and basic research and treatment of tobacco-related diseases, cost-effective prevention and cessation programs and other programs designed to improve the health and education of Oklahomans. Ten percent will be expended by the Legislature on adult stem cell research and an umbilical cord blood bank.

Fiscal Analysis

Based on information provided by the State Election Board, the cost of adding this question to the ballot of the general election will be minimal.

In FY-08, approximately \$15.5 million in earnings to the Fund were certified for expenditure on tobacco and tobacco-related programs, or other public health purposes. Under the provisions of HJR 1035, \$1.55 million of Fund earnings would have been allocated for adult stem cell research and an umbilical cord blood bank. This legislation will have no impact on appropriations or appropriated agencies.

The Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Board advises that in the event this legislation is enacted funding for tobacco cessation and preventions programs and other related health programs will potentially be reduced or cut.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

Funding for adult stem cell research and an umbilical cord blood bank could be increased and there could be potential reductions in tobacco cessation and prevention programs.

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