

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill Summary

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The Conference Committee Substitute (CCS) for SJR59 proposes a constitutional amendment to be sent to a vote of the people, creating a new section in Article 2, the Bill of Rights, prohibiting any rule or law requiring any person, employer or health care provider to participate in any health care system.

The proposed amendment would allow any person or employer to pay directly for health care services, exclusive of any fines or penalties, and would allow health care providers to accept direct payment from individuals or employers without being subject to fines or penalties. The purchase or sale of private health insurance shall not be prohibited by law or rule. The proposed amendment will not affect the services of a health care provider, restrict them, or affect laws or rules currently in effect.

Fiscal Summary

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SJR 59 in its current form, directs the Secretary of State to refer to the people a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution. The proposed amendment places restrictions on the state's authority to compel participation in a health care system or prohibit the direct purchase of health care services by individuals.

Fiscal Analysis

The proposed amendment has no direct impact on existing state programs and no fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations is anticipated if it is adopted by the people.

No special election provision is included with the submission of the measure to the voters, thus there will be no measurable costs, aside from ballot printing, associated with the election process.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

None

Fiscal Analysis Reviewed By:

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