

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1910</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>As Introduced</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>6517</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Fine revenue to OWRB and Attorney General</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 1910, as introduced, authorizes the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to test for and regulate licenses and operator certifications and to inspect certain wells or boreholes. The measure authorizes the Board to prohibit use of a well until it is brought into compliance and to impound rigs and equipment under certain conditions. The Board also is authorized to issue emergency orders without a hearing under certain conditions.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 1910, as introduced, grants the Oklahoma Water Resources Board more authority in regards to commercial drilling or plugging of underground wells. In the case of a violation of licensing or certification requirements, and if the violator refuses to comply with the orders of the Board, the measure also allows the Attorney General's office to levy an administrative penalty or to impound and sell rigs and commercial vehicles with ½ the proceeds from such penalty or sale going to the Well Drillers and Pump Installers Regulation Account and ½ to the Attorney General's Revolving Fund. Officials at OWRB state in 2010, they received 13 complaints of violations totaling \$20,450 in fines. The addition of the sale of impounded vehicles could increase this amount.

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**Other Considerations**

None