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Research Analysis

The Senate amendments to HB 3055 add oil and gas to the fields in which the Speaker of the House's appointees to the Water for 2060 Advisory Council must be well versed. They also require the activities of the council to terminate by Dec. 31, 2015.

The measure creates the 15-member council to recommend more efficient practices related to water and expand education programs for consumer water-use habits. The council is composed of four experts in municipal, rural residential, agricultural and water-efficiency practices appointed by the Governor, five experts in recreation, industrial, oil and gas, irrigation and wastewater reuse practices appointed by the Speaker of the House, five experts in soil conservation, small business, environmental water interests and marginal quality and brackish water use practices appointed by the Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the executive director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board who will serve as the chair.

The measure requires the Speaker of the House and Pro Tem of the Senate to appoint residents of each congressional district to the council. Members serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority and must submit a final report to the Governor and Legislature no later than three years after the effective date of the act.

The measure adds rural water districts to the definition of communities that can be the subject of pilot programs through the Oklahoma Water Conservation Grant Program. It also adds projects that promote efficiency, recycling and reuse of water to the list of possible pilot projects funded by the program.

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Fiscal Analysis

SA for HB 3055 creates the Water for 2060 Act. It creates the Water for 2060 Advisory Council and amends a section of law that creates the Oklahoma Water Conservation Grant Program. According to officials at the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the measure does not alter amounts available under the grant program and no travel reimbursement is provided for the Advisory Council, therefore the measure would have no state fiscal impact.

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Other Considerations

None

