

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 54th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2015
Version:	Introduced
Request Number:	6340
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Impact:	OSDH Costs:
	Sections 1&2: approx. \$1,500 – 8,200
	Section 3: approx. \$3,500 per investigation
	plus potential litigation costs

Research Analysis

HB 2015, as introduced, adds additional questions to the Individual Abortion Form completed by the physician. Additionally, the measure adds an additional 15 reporting measures to the Annual Abortion Report issued by the State Department of Health. Lastly, the measure provides for registered voters of Oklahoma to initiate legal proceedings against an abortion provider that fails to submit any required report.

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Fiscal Analysis

Sections 1 & 2: add questions to the Individual Abortion Reporting Form and require a copy of the ultrasound be attached to the Form. The State Department of Health (OSDH) estimates a cost of \$1,500 to amend the Form; and potentially an additional \$6,700 to facilitate ultrasound copy attachment.

Section 3: creates a process by which citizens can request OSDH investigation and pursue certain legal actions. If successful, citizens can be awarded attorneys fees and other costs; payable primarily by the abortion provider, and secondarily by the state of Oklahoma. OSDH estimates a minimum cost of \$3,500 per investigation; including at least 32 hours of staff time by investigators, administrators and legal staff. Additionally the measure authorizes certain legal proceedings the cost of which OSDH and the State could be responsible. The scale and frequency of these potential legal costs are unknown.

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Other Considerations

None at this time