

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB1195</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>None to state</b>

**Research Analysis**

The committee substitute for SB 1195 creates a new law concerning anemometer towers. The measure defines the term anemometer as an instrument for measuring and recording the speed of wind. Similarly, the measure defines anemometer tower is defined as a structure, including all guy wires and accessory facilities, on which an anemometer is mounted. The measure requires that, in addition to any zoning requirements of the Airport Zoning Act or the Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act, any anemometer tower that is fifty feet tall or higher, located outside a municipality, must be marked, painted, flagged, to be recognizable in clear air daylight hours.

The measure requires that any new tower constructed be marked in equal, alternating bands of aviation orange and white, beginning with orange on the top and with orange at the bottom. The measure requires that two marker balls be attached to the guy wire. Further, one seven-foot safety sleeve must be placed at each anchor point and extend from the anchor along the guy wire. The measure directs the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission to establish and maintain a database of existing anemometer towers in the state and authorizes the commission to contract with a governmental or private entity to create and maintain such database.

The measure directs that within 60 days after the effective date of this act, and within 10 days prior to the erection of any tower, any owner of any existing tower to provide to the commission information that specifies the owner, location and height of the tower and any information necessary for aviation safety. The measure directs that any owner of a tower contact the commission within 10 days after the removal of the tower. Finally, the measure authorizes the commission to enforce the provisions of this act and provides that violations will constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

SB1195 will not have any fiscal impact on state revenues. According to the Aeronautics Commission, the only fiscal impact will be to establish the database that will keep track of the MET Towers mentioned in the bill. However, the Commission has advised that they believe it will not be a large amount.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

