BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

HB 3001 creates the Oklahoma Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Act. The measure requires all unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV's) and operators to comply with current Federal Aviation Administration requirements. The measure allows state government officials to award contracts to commercial aerial vehicle operators for agency-related needs. The operation of UAV's for surveillance is prohibited. The operation of weaponized UAV's is prohibited except for manufacturers contracted with the military. The operation of UAV's while intoxicated is prohibited. The distribution of literature from a UAV is prohibited. Commercial operators of a UAV are required to carry liability insurance. UAV manufacturers or sellers are exempt from civil and criminal liability for any injury or death resulting from the operation of a UAV unless the injury or death is the result of gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct. Allows commercial UAV's to be used by print, electronic or television news media to provide information. Allows UAV's to be used to capture images or data by institutions of higher education or through commercial operators. Allows commercial UAV's to sell, lease or provide training in the use of commercial UAV's. The selling, leasing or providing training to individuals or groups associated with terrorist activities is prohibited.

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Fiscal Analysis

Though the measure requires certain commercial operators of unmanned aerial vehicles to carry liability insurance, neither this provision nor the measure's remaining provisions are anticipated to significantly impact state agencies or revenues.

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Other Considerations

None.

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