BILL SUMMARY

1st Session of the 56th Legislature

Bill No.: hb 1198 Version: SAHB

Request Number:

Author: Rep. Hardin Date: 5/1/2017 Impact: ODVA: \$25K start up cost; \$6,055 annually

Wildlife Commission: \$0

Tax Commission: \$0

Public Safety: No impact anticipated

Research Analysis

HB 1198 directs the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs to, by January 1, 2020, create and maintain a registry of all veterans in the state, to include any person who served on active duty in the armed forces and was discharged or released with an honorable discharge. The measure also provides that, beginning in November 2020, those who are qualified for the following:

- Veterans' hunting and fishing licenses
- Veterans' use of laser sights while hunting
- Voluntary Veterans Preference Employment Policy Act
- Special Disabled Veterans Employment Act
- Disabled veterans' driver license fee exemption
- Veterans' driver license with flag emblem
- Disabled veterans' sales tax exemption

will demonstrate their eligibility by registration in the veterans registry, unless their eligibility had previously been determined by the responsible agency.

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Fiscal Analysis

The Senate amendment to HB 1198 does not alter the original fiscal impact below: HB 1198 as introduced directs the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs to develop and maintain a state-wide veteran's registry. ODVA in consultation with OMES has estimated the built cost to be around \$25,000 (as of 4/7/2017) and yearly maintenance of the application to be \$6,055. Regarding access to the database, it is not yet known if DPS and/ or the Wildlife Commission could access the secured website without expense, but it is anticipated that they will be able to do so without incurring costs.

This registry would be in tandem with or the same as the registry outlined in SB456. Two bills equates to one registry and one fiscal impact.

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Other Considerations	
None.	
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