

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 1889
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Research Analysis

HB 1889 directs the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) to establish a State Veterans' Cemetery System. The system will consist of one or more cemeteries to serve Oklahoma veterans, spouses, and eligible dependents. ODVA is empowered to employ staff to operate the system, purchase necessary equipment and supplies, and charge a fee for interment. The measure also authorizes ODVA to seek, accept and spend funds from private, state, and federal sources for the system. Finally, the bill authorizes ODVA to purchase or accept land on behalf of the state, or use land owned by the department, for a veterans' cemetery.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1889 authorizes the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs to construct, maintain, administer and operate a state veteran's cemetery system, consisting of one or more cemeteries to serve the veterans of Oklahoma. This project will be fully funded by a grant from the US Department of Veterans Affairs. ODVA will be required to supply upfront administrative and architectural costs, estimated to be \$1M, which will be fully reimbursed by the USDVA once the project is complete. The anticipated cost of up to 3 FTEs, of up to \$180,000 per year for salaries and benefits, in addition to the \$1M upfront money will come from ODVA's existing budget.

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Other Considerations

None.