

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 2423
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Impact:	Potential Increase to special OSHA Fund; Offsets agency losses resulting from decreased claims.

Research Analysis

HB 2423, as introduced, updates existing statutes referring to the Workers' Compensation Court. The measure clarifies that these statutes may refer to the Workers Compensation Court of Existing Claims, or to the Workers' Compensation Commission. The measure also updates statutory language.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure, per the Oklahoma Department of Labor (ODOL), addresses a dedicated OSHA Fund utilized by the agency for front end worker safety through workplace safety training. Oklahoma is one of seven states that have primary jurisdiction instead of federal OSHA. For FY-17 anticipated monies certified and appropriated were \$1.8 million, currently, those funds are expected to fall short by \$400,000. Estimated for end of year 2017, will be \$1,440,000. These funds currently are a percentage of existing claims from the Workers' Compensation Court, which have decreased over the last few years. Clarifying payment requirements for the Workers' Compensation Commission will help offset these losses.

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Other Considerations

None.