

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 3337
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Impact:	OWRB: Anticipated \$1.2 - \$2 million annually, dependent on the required permitting efforts, construction activities and water related studies. This anticipated fiscal impact does not include costs for seven (7) board members from each environmental agency to serve on the OWC Board. This adds an additional annual estimated cost of \$100,000.

Research Analysis

HB 3337 repeals the moratorium on out-of-state water sales and creates the Oklahoma Water Center, which will advise the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) on severance fees and fund allocation from water sales, water science and research, and updates to the state Comprehensive Water Plan. The center will consist of an unpaid seven-member board and OWRB support staff.

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Fiscal Analysis

Per the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB): HB 3337 would create an Oklahoma Water Center (OWC) Revolving Fund related to out-of-state water sales. The measure would require the OWRB to provide staff support for the OWC. The OWC would recommend various studies to be conducted by the OWRB related to the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan. The OWRB would also budget and distribute funds from the OWC Resolving Fund and oversee construction projects.

Fiscal impact to the Agency could include an additional five FTE to support the OWC through the following activities: Financial Analyses, Legal Review, Information Technology, Hydrogeological, Engineering Review and Geo Information System support. Staff would also be responsible for conducting legal hearings and public meetings. This estimated addition of the total of five new staff employees at approximately \$750,000 including direct, indirect and fringe costs. Studies required by the OWC would cost approximately \$200,000 per hydrological study with an estimated two studies per year. Legal review and hearing costs would be dependent on the number of hearings and public meetings but is estimated at \$100,000 per year at a minimum.

Final estimated annual fiscal impact could range from \$1,200,000 to \$2,000,000 per year dependent on the required permitting efforts, construction activities and water related studies. This estimated fiscal impact does not include the costs of time and effort for seven (7) board members from each environmental agency to serve on the OWC Board at an estimated cost of \$100,000 per year.

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Other Considerations

None.

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