BILL SUMMARY

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Impact: ODWC: Anticipated 45 year negative impact of \$232,199 and a further negative impact of \$20,000-30,000, annually from sale of combination lifetime hunting, fishing and hunting/fishing licenses for specific tracts of land. There would be and additional negative impact of \$2,050 per landowner license purchased.

Research Analysis

The PCS for HB 3371 creates a lifetime landowner combination hunting and fishing license for tracts of land with at least 500 acres and another for tracts with at least 1,000 acres. The licenses cost \$50,000 and \$75,000 and come with 20 or 40 additional hunting licenses, respectively. The landowner shall submit an annual report to the Department of Wildlife Conservation. Nonresident landowners are eligible for the license and all lifetime combination licenses are bequeathed only by a properly executed will.

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Fiscal Analysis

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) anticipates a negative fiscal impact of \$246,229 at the end of 45 years. This loss, per the agency is a result of the lost annual revenue from the 40 additional licenses provided in this bill. This finding takes into account the interest income on the principal investment of \$75,000. The interest return on the initial payment does not cover the lost annual revenue.

- Per the ODWC, attaching a license to a specific tract of land into perpetuity would erode a fiscal interest of at least 3.5% growth each decade in lost license fees to the agency.
- Additionally, ODWC anticipates a negative annual impact, ranging from approximately \$20,000 30,000 for lost revenue of the 40 additional licenses that the measure provides to the landowner. The agency estimates are based from typical nonresident hunting license purchase scenarios.
- Based on the fishing license privileges included, ODWC anticipates an additional negative fiscal impact of \$2,050 per landowner license purchased.

This impact is contingent upon how many landowners opt to purchase lifetime licenses versus the purchase of annual licenses.

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Other Considerations

None.
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