

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 56th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 3405
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Impact:	OWRB: An increase in number of permitting fees to offset 50% cost of 1 FTE

Research Analysis

HB 3405 expands the definition of “groundwater” in the Oklahoma Groundwater Law to include marginal water.

Prepared By: Sean Webster

Fiscal Analysis

Per Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB), the measure provides the agency authorization to permit marginal quality groundwater ranging from 5000 to 10,000 parts per million of total dissolved solids. Provisions of this measure would have a fiscal impact of one FTE at \$150,000 annually, for water right permitting activities, well construction review, legal hearings and technical studies, plus direct, indirect and fringe costs that would be needed to meet the demand for these permits. The OWRB anticipates the increased permitting fees could recover approximately 50% of the realized fiscal impact.

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Other Considerations

None.