

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 3468
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Impact:	Dept. of Health: additional FTE could be needed depending on duties; measure provides for compensation and travel reimbursement for Commission members

Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute establishes a regulatory framework for medical marijuana in the event that State Question No. 788 passes. It establishes the Oklahoma Cannabis Commission that will address issues related to the medical marijuana program including, but not limited to, operations relating to the issuance of licenses, the dispensing cultivating, processing, transporting and sale of medical marijuana and any issues the commissions finds relevant to the program. The commission will consist of a twelve member governing board and will exist until the commission becomes a standalone entity. It will have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of the measure, and regulations regarding the administration of medical marijuana must be adopted no later than 120 days after the effective date. The State Department of Health will initially develop the commission with it becoming a standalone commission outside of the department by July 1, 2019, or in the event that the federal government assumes control of the department. The department will provide space, staffing and support to the commission while it is housed within the department. A Commissioner will be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, once it becomes a standalone entity. The Commissioner will have the authority to promulgate and rules and regulations for the program.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3468 creates the Oklahoma Cannabis Commission. The measure provides for compensation and travel reimbursement for Commission members. The language is unclear from which agency or entity is responsible for providing the funds for this. The Dept. of Health is responsible for creating and staffing the Commission until it becomes a standalone agency as exact duties are not specified in the measure; additional FTE could be necessary.

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Other Considerations

None.