

BILL SUMMARY
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Impact:	Governor: potential impact dependent on appointment behavior

Research Analysis

The measure would prohibit a chief executive officer of any board, commission, department or program in the executive branch from being eligible for appointment to the governor's cabinet.

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Fiscal Analysis

The compensation schedule for cabinet secretaries is controlled by Title 74 O.S. Section 10.5; the section provides a salary schedule but not all acting cabinet secretaries are paid under the schedule. The salary paid to a cabinet member is the greater of the salary provided in the compensation schedule or the existing state salary for the cabinet member if the cabinet member is also functioning as a state employee. The compensation for cabinet secretaries is paid through the budget of the Governor, in instances where an individual cabinet secretary is paid pursuant to the compensation schedule. The compensation schedule in 74 O.S. Section 10.5, provides for 10 cabinet secretary positions, the average of the salaries provided in the schedule is \$73,500.

HB 3597 makes no change to the salary schedule provided in 74 O.S. 10.5., but the measure will modify the behavior of the Governor when making some cabinet appointments, by prohibiting the appointment of agency chief executives. This change in behavior could cause the Governor to make more cabinet appointments that would be paid through the salary schedule provided in 74 O.S. 10.5, the costs of which would impact the Governor's budget. Whether such impact occurs and to what extent, is dependent on the Governor's appointment decisions.

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Other Considerations

None.