

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB3713
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

HB3713, as introduced, creates the Multiple Injury Trust Fund Recovery Act to change eligibility criteria for claims against the Multiple Injury Trust Fund (MITF) and provide additional funding for the fund from nongovernmental sources.

Beginning September 1, 2018, the Workers' Compensation Commission is authorized to increase the MITF assessment rate on insurers, self-insured employers and group self-insurance associations. The measure does so by increasing the maximum percentage that the rates are tied to from 6 percent to 7 percent. Currently, the rate is limited to up to 6 percent of the gross direct written premium for an insurer, up to 6 percent of the total actual paid losses of a self-insured employer and up to 6 percent of the normal premium a group self-insurance association. The measure also directs the Oklahoma Tax Commission to assess and collect a temporary assessment from any uninsured employer. The temporary uninsured assessment rate is five percent of the total compensation for permanent total disability awards, permanent partial disability awards, and death benefits paid out during each quarter of the calendar year by employers.

The measure also sets the fiscal year 2019 apportionment to the Workers Compensation Court of Existing Claims (WCCEC) at \$3.5 million and \$3 million for subsequent years.

Lastly, the measure extends the expiration date of various terms for judges serving on the WCCEC and changes the process for filling a vacancy of the court.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.