

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 2303
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Impact:	Tax Commission:
	Revenue Decrease:
	FY-20: \$487,500
	FY-21: \$1,170,000

Research Analysis

Pending

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Fiscal Analysis

Analysis provided by the Tax Commission:

The measure proposes to amend Section 1357 of Title 68 by providing a sales and use tax exemption² for sales of commercial forestry service equipment, limited to forwarders, fellers, bunchers, track skidders, wheeled skidders, hydraulic excavators, delimbers, soil compactors and skid steer loaders, to businesses engaged in logging, timber and tree farming.

Based upon industry information, there are roughly 150 contractors that do logging in the SE region of the state and there are two vendors in this region that sell approximately 40 new pieces of exempt equipment per year that is subject to Oklahoma sales tax at an average price of \$200,000 per unit. In addition, according to industry sources, approximately 90 new pieces of equipment are purchased from an out-of-state vendor by Oklahoma customers, which are subject to Oklahoma use tax at the same price range.

Multiplying 130 units by \$200,000, results in \$26,000,000 in estimated taxable sales. Application of the state tax rate of 4.5% yields a decrease in state sales and use tax collections of \$1,170,000. The measure proposes an effective date of January 1, 2020. Application of inflation rate adjustments of 2.5%, results in estimated reductions in state sales and use taxes of \$487,500 and \$1,199,250 for FY 20 and FY 21, respectively.

Research indicates that at least one major vendor rents the described equipment in the southeast part of the state. While the transactions would also be exempted by this proposal increasing the estimated reduction in state sales tax collections, the extent to which this will occur cannot be determined as these transactions are not captured or specifically identified in the OTC remittance records.

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Other Considerations

None.

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