

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 2647
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Impact:	Initial one-time cost of \$394,180; and annual cost thereafter of approx. \$72,000

Research Analysis

HB 2647, as introduced, directs the Oklahoma Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability to adopt and administer a competency examination which is nationally recognized, under the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act for certification as a teacher. The measure provides that any reference in statute which delegates authority to the Commission to establish or administer certification tests, as well as any reference to Oklahoma General Education Test, the Oklahoma Professional Teaching Examination or the Oklahoma Subject Area Test means this competency examination.

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Fiscal Analysis

It is expected that an initial startup cost of \$394,180 in order to set standards, web system and test fee waivers and then \$72,000 for the ensuing years for standard setting and waivers. The current vendor covers the cost of standard setting for each assessment. A new vendor may not cover those costs.

If those costs to set standards for all assessments were to be assumed by the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, it is estimated the costs to the agency would be \$306,180. Additionally, as tests are redeveloped each year, there will likely be a recurring cost of \$34,020 each year to set new testing standards.

The current web system for receiving and reporting test results will have to be redesigned to meet the needs of a new vendor, which could result in an added cost of approximately \$50,000.

Lastly, the current vendor provides the OEQA with approximately \$38,000 in test fee waivers each year. If those waivers were to continue, assuming the next testing vendor did not provide them, the OEQA would assume the cost of those testing fee waivers.

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Other Considerations

None.

