

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 2776
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Impact:	Permissive Provisions

Research Analysis

The Proposed Committee Substitute for HB 2776 creates the Oklahoma Hazard Mitigation District Act. The measure authorizes the governing board of a county to initiate creation of a hazard mitigation district through resolution and vote of the people. The district would include all territory within the county and be administered by a trust including the county commissioners and elected officials from three municipalities in the county.

The bill authorizes an annual assessment no greater than two mills on the dollar of assessed value of certain types of property. Government-owned and nonprofit properties are exempted, as well as real property zoned for agricultural land use, livestock used in support of the family, and personal property owned by for-profit agricultural business entities. Properties within a tax increment financing district are not exempt. Authorized uses for the proceeds of this assessment include, but are not limited to:

- short-term and long-term acquisitions and improvements to the district;
- planning, designing, installing, constructing, operating and maintaining hazard mitigation capital improvements;
- procuring matching funds from the state or federal government;
- qualifying for state or federal disaster relief funds;
- purchasing and maintaining equipment and vehicles required to implement projects in a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan;
- efforts to acquire and demolish, relocate, or elevate structures in areas prone to flooding;
- providing funding for to county health departments for public health hazard mitigation plans; and
- funding cleanup following a hazard.

No portion of the assessment could be used to supplant current appropriations for hazard mitigation or disaster recovery. The bill authorizes the governing body of the county to negotiate intergovernmental agreements with federally recognized Indian tribal governments, owners of restricted property, beneficiaries of trust property and the Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding payments in lieu of assessment.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure indicates a county may initiate the creation of a hazard mitigation assessment district. Any such action must be approved by voters.

Potential costs may include the cost of an election and operating costs of the District.

Revenue to a District will include an assessment on property no greater than two mills on the dollar.

The measure is permissive in nature and revenue and expenditure by a District will depend on the level of assessment and the activities of the District.

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Other Considerations

None.