

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB2776</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Please see previous summary of this measure</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 2776, as introduced, 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 the governing body of 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 properties are exempted, but 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;
- provide funding for public health conditions caused by a hazardous event in large counties; 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 is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

