

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 3096</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>Committee Substitute</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>See Below</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 3096, as introduced, reduces the number of weeks for which unemployment benefits may be paid. The measure provides for twelve weeks of benefits if the state's average unemployment rate is at or below 5.5%, with an additional week for each 0.5% increment above 5.5%, up to a maximum of twenty weeks.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 3096 in its current form reduces unemployment benefits to 12 weeks under certain conditions. Officials for the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC) estimate that had these provisions been in place during the 2019 calendar year, the reduction in total benefits paid would have been approximately \$120 Million.

Though the measure material modifies factors related to unemployment benefit payments, the measure does not have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations. Additionally, OESC is a nonappropriated state agency meaning OESC is expected to absorb any increased administrative costs associated with the measure, through existing budgetary resources.

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**Other Considerations**

Officials from OESC have ongoing concern as to the ability of the agency's legacy mainframe system, programmed with COBOL software, to handle significant reprogramming related to significant benefit design changes.