BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.: SB882
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Impact: \$360,000 from revenues into OMMA fund

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for SB882 creates the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Waste Management Act which directs the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority to issue Medical Marijuana Waste Disposal licenses and Waste Disposal Facility permits.

Only license holders are authorized to possess, transport and dispose of medical marijuana waste which includes unused, surplus, out-of-date, and recalled marijuana.

The measure directs the Authority to issue licenses and facility permits upon proper application and to determine whether a proposed site or facility is physically and technically suitable for the disposal of medical marijuana waste. The Authority can deny a license if it finds a proposed site is unsuitable. The Authority may not issue more than ten (10) licenses the first year, and after the first year may assess whether more are necessary.

The cost of a medical marijuana waste disposal license is \$5,000 for the initial license and the cost of a medical marijuana waste disposal facility permit is \$500.

The committee substitute for SB882 lists requirements for entities applying for licenses and permits. Applicants are required to show proof of sufficient liability insurance and financial responsibility.

Submission of an application for a medical marijuana waste disposal license constitutes permission for entry to and inspection of the licensee's facility. Refusal to permit entry constitutes ground for nonrenewal, suspension, or revocation of such license.

The holder of a medical marijuana waste disposal license is not required to obtain a medical marijuana transporter license provided for in the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act for purposes of transporting medical marijuana waste.

Commercial licensees are authorized to destroy marijuana root balls, stems, fan leaves and seeds without the services of a medical marijuana waste disposal facility.

The committee substitute to SB882 also authorizes the Authority to perform an annual unannounced, on-site inspection of a licensee's operation and facility.

The measure directs the State Commissioner of Health to promulgate rules for this act.

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Fiscal Analysis

The State Department of Health estimates the cost of a workflow additions to Complia will be approximately \$300,000. Complia is the IT software that runs the medical marijuana program. The Department also anticipates a cost of \$60,000 for an Inspector's salary and benefits.

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Other Considerations

None.

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