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Bill Analysis

SB 106 creates the Cultural Districts Initiative Act. The measure defines "cultural district." The Oklahoma Arts Council will administer the Cultural Districts Initiative Act and certify cultural districts. The measure directs the Council to establish a competitive application and renewal process for participation in the program as well as support both developing and certified cultural districts.

The Council may receive appropriations from the Legislature or solicit donations to fund the Act.

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Fiscal Analysis

This bill would create the Cultural Districts Initiative Act. In 2013 the Arts Council established the Cultural District Initiative, starting with a pilot program. In 2014 the program was expanded from a pilot to a statewide initiative.

This bill does not have any additional fiscal impact but would validate and make the Oklahoma Arts Council Cultural District Initiative the state-designated program to develop- and certify districts statewide. The agency has requested an additional \$100,000 in their FY '20 budget request to work with an additional 20 communities across the state for possible investment.