

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 2214
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Impact:	Minimal

Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute for HB 2214 eliminates existing statutory language regarding hunting, fishing, and other related licenses, and authorizes the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission to issue such licenses and establish corresponding fees. The Commission is also authorized to promulgate rules necessary to implement these licenses and fees.

Such licenses include:

- Hunting and fishing licenses. The Commission must offer a year-round hunting and fishing license. A person is required to have the permit or license in their possession when hunting or fishing.
- Commercial license for selling, breeding, and raising wildlife or fish.
- License for breeding or raising wildlife for personal consumption, or capturing or killing wildlife for scientific purposes.
- Dog training shoot to kill license

The Commission is authorized to purchase land only after it has been publicly offered for sale for six months. This requirement does not apply to property that is surrounded by land already owned by the Commission.

Lastly, the measure allows funds in the Wildlife Land Acquisition Fund and the Wildlife Heritage Fund to be used for maintenance of county roads necessary to reach public hunting areas, and maintenance of fences on public lands.

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Fiscal Analysis

According to officials at the Department of Wildlife Conservation, HB 2214 in its current form would not create much of a fiscal or revenue impact. Based off of 2020 numbers, the Department expects an increase of \$2,650, which is shared with the county sheriffs. Therefore, given the minimal revenue increase, the State's budget and appropriations should not be affected.

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Other Considerations

None.

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