## **BILL SUMMARY** 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

Bill No.:	HB2236
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Author:	Rep. May
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Impact:	Creates a felony, potential fine revenue, potential incarceration costs

## **Research Analysis**

The committee substitute to HB 2236 makes it a felony to fail to report to an employer, insurance carrier or third-party administrator a material change an income while receiving temporary total disability benefits.

The measure also changes the qualification requirements for personnel assigned to the Workers' Compensation Fraud Investigation Unit; personnel now must be certified as a peace officer by the Oklahoma Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, in lieu of a minimum of three years of certified law enforcement experience.

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## **Fiscal Analysis**

The measure creates a felony for failing to report a material change in income to appropriate authorities while receiving temporary total disability benefits.

The measure also modifies the requirements for personnel hired as specialized law enforcement officers of the Attorney General's Workers' Compensation Fraud Investigation Unit.

By creating a felony, the measure has the potential to increase fine revenue for the state as well as incarceration costs borne by the state. The ultimate impact of the measure would depend on the number of persons convicted. No direct impact is anticipated.

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## **Other Considerations**

None.

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