

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 2297
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Impact:	Tax Commission:

Local Ad Valorem:
Revenue Decrease: (\$350,000)

Research Analysis

HB 2297 defines, as used in the Ad Valorem Tax Code, *fixed wireless broadband Internet service provider* as an entity that offers Internet access through a stationary fixed point-to-point connection, often requiring direct line of sight between the provider's wireless transmitter and its end-user consumer's receiver. The measure clarifies that, as used in the Ad Valorem Tax Code, fixed wireless broadband Internet service providers are not included in the definitions of *transmission company* and *public service corporation*.

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Fiscal Analysis

From the Tax Commission:

HB 2297 proposes to create new language defining "fixed wireless Internet service provider" as an entity that offers access to the Internet through a stationary fixed point-to-point connection and that often requires a direct line of sight between the provider's wireless transmitter and its end-user consumer's receiver.

Currently, "transmission company" and "public service corporation" shall not include cable television companies. HB 2297 proposes to also exclude fixed wireless Internet service providers from the definitions of "transmission company" and "public service corporation" for purposes of the Ad Valorem Tax Code. Companies that fall within the proposed exclusion currently pay the public service assessment rate of twenty-two and eighty-five one-hundredths percent (22.85%). Under the proposed changes in HB 2297 these companies would pay locally assessed real and personal property tax rate between ten percent (10%) and fifteen percent (15%). The Ad Valorem Division of the Oklahoma Tax Commission estimates that this will result in a decrease of approximately \$350,000 in revenue to local jurisdictions.

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Other Considerations

None.

