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Bill Analysis

HB 3636 creates the Oklahoma Water Economic Impact Study Act and the Oklahoma Water Economic Impact Study Fund. The measure directs the Secretary of Energy and Environment and the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to confer for the consideration of conducting a water economic impact study. The study shall inform communities and stakeholders about the various uses, development opportunities, and protective measures to be taken for domestic, commercial, and state use of water. Water impact studies shall only be conducted on the Little River in McCurtain County, the Glover River in McCurtain County, and the Mountain Fork River in McCurtain County. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board may work in cooperation with the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to conduct any water economic impact study. The measure directs that a final copy of the completed instream flow study be submitted to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Secretary of Energy and Environment, and Governor. Monies from the Fund shall be expended by the Secretary of Energy and Environment, in agreement with the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

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