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Bill Analysis

SB 1827 creates the Fly In Oklahoma Act. The measure establishes the Fly In Oklahoma grant program to disburse funds to incentivize qualified potential tourism areas within the state through fly-in opportunities by improving airports, air traffic facilities, runways, landing strips, aircraft hangers, fly-in restaurants and other associated travel-related businesses and advertising that are accessible primarily by aircraft. The program shall last until November 2028. Owners of such facilities will be eligible to apply for grants. The Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Cabinet Secretary of Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage, in collaboration with the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department shall administer the program. Grants of up to \$1 million may be awarded by the program. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department shall promulgate the rules, procedures, and grant application materials. Grant applications deemed fiscally prudent for tourism and consideration by this state shall be submitted to the Legislature through the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1 each year. The Legislature shall approve each application by a joint resolution after the grant is awarded. Such grants may be required to be repaid to the state as specified in a written grant contract or such grants may be offered as a partial financial incentive that requires partial or no repayment as determined on a case-by-case basis and specified in the written grant contract.

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