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Fiscal Analysis

SB 1854 would require DEQ, in cooperation with any other applicable regulatory agency, to establish a streamlined permitting process for hydrogen fuel production, and to adopt rules to accomplish that. The types of permits that would be required for a hydrogen production facility and the agencies that would be involved would depend in part on the processes and operations utilized at the given facility, but would likely include at least DEQ and the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, along with USEPA. DEQ has for several years been working to streamline its permit processes, and that effort continues. At this point it is unclear what additional steps might be taken specifically with respect to hydrogen fuel facilities, but DEQ would expect to seek stakeholder input and use that to complement its existing permit streamlining initiatives. In light of that, DEQ does not believe that hydrogen permit streamlining efforts per se would have a substantial fiscal or operational impact on the agency, but additional personnel and resources might be necessary for permit review and issuance itself if hydrogen production becomes a major industry in Oklahoma.

FY'23 Impact: None to minimal

Full Year Impact: None to minimal

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