

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2197
Version:	2CCR
Request Number:	11210
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The 2CCR for HB 2197 amends the definition of "provisional temporary permit" so that the executive director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board may administratively issue a 90-day permit for stream-water and groundwater. The provisional permit may be renewed up to three times for the oil and gas industry, except in a sole-source aquifer.

The measure also allows stream-water permit holders to explain any unused water in a mandatory annual report, which is submitted to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. The measure authorizes the board to excuse the nonuse, rather than requiring the permit holder to forfeit the water.

Lastly, the measure empowers the OWRB executive director to order the immediate cessation of water use when staff determine the use is unauthorized or will damage water users with prior appropriations.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.