BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute to HB 2199 transfers the powers, duties, and personnel responsible for motor carrier enforcement as well as operations of weigh stations and ports of entry from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission to the Department of Public Safety and requires the transition to be completed by June 30, 2026. The measure creates an eight member transitional task force to help facilitate the transfer. The Corporation Commission is authorized to retain noncommissioned employees to serve as civilian enforcement auditors and inspectors. The Department of Public Safety and the Corporation Commission are allowed to enter into interagency agreements to implement the transfer.

Additionally, the measure clarifies that it is unlawful for a person or employee to operate a motor vehicle if the motor carrier, vehicle, or commercial operator is not in compliance with the rules as set forth in statute. The measure also updates statutory references to motor carrier enforcement officers.

Lastly, the measure repeals Title 47 Sections <u>116.13</u>, which relates to enforcement officers and <u>172.1</u>, which relates to qualifications of enforcement officers.

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Fiscal Analysis

The proposed committee substitute to HB 2199 transfers the responsibility for motor carrier enforcements as well as weight station and ports of entry operations from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) to the Department of Public Safety (DPS). Per DPS, as this measure redirects funds already collected by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) to DPS, this measure has no direct fiscal or revenue considerations for the agency.

The measure does redirect Twenty Million dollars (\$20,000,000.00) from General Revenue to DPS for the purpose of public safety enforcement. This would result in a \$20,000,000 fiscal impact to available funds for legislative appropriations.

OCC is currently completing analysis of this measure and this impact statement will be updated once further analysis from the agency is received.

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Other Considerations

None.

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