

BILL SUMMARY
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Impact:	Minimal

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 2293 creates the Oklahoma Flood and Drought Management Task Force to be comprised of two groups: a management group and an advisory group. The management group will be led by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. The measure lists other requirements for membership of each group. The Task Force is required to:

- Develop drought and flood response and recovery initiatives for conditions determined to be detrimental to the state economy and public health;
- Provide coordination among federal, state, and local entities involved in drought and flood assistance programs; and
- Perform flood and drought related assessments as necessary.

Lastly, the measure requires the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to:

- Deliver an annual update of drought and flood conditions, and corresponding planning and mitigation activities conducted by the Task Force, to the House Speaker and Senate Pro Tem; and
- Coordinate with the Task Force every 10 years to update the Drought Management Plan.

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Fiscal Analysis

While several state agencies are involved in the task force created in this measure, most agencies said the measure would either not create a fiscal impact for them or it would be minimal as they are already doing work in this area and any impact would be from expanding the scope of that work. As the coordinating agency, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board believes it may require some increased workload for some staff, and is still looking at its final staffing needs. Overall, the fiscal impact to the state should be minimal.

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Other Considerations

None.

