BILL SUMMARY 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.: HB 3094 Version: Introduced **Request Number:** Author: **Rep.** Tedford Date: 2/12/2024 Impact: Minimal Increase to GRF

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Research Analysis

HB 3094, as introduced, establishes the Public Adjuster Regulation Act. The measure imposes a 10 percent cap on the commission payable to public insurance adjusters for a settlement. Public adjusters are prohibited from participating in lawsuits or receiving judgment rewards. Public adjusters must also have a written contract with the insured, specifying contact, license, and agreement information.

The measure also prohibits construction contractors from settling or negotiating claims without a public adjuster license. Contractors are further prohibited from hiring a public adjuster.

Additionally, the measure prohibits public adjusters from engaging in claims adjustment activities for any educational institution covered under an insurance contract issued by an interlocal entity.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3094 establishes the Public Adjuster Regulation Act, which prohibits public insurance adjusters from receiving compensation that is more than (10%) of the insurance settlement. This measure also prohibits a construction contractor from receiving a claims negotiating fee without being issued a public adjuster license.

This measure also requires public insurance adjusters to have a written executed contract with the insured and shared with the insurer prior to performing any services within the state of Oklahoma.

In addition, HB 3094 prohibits a person or entity from acting as a construction contractor and public adjuster on the same claim. Any violation results in a fine of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and to be deposited into the General Revenue Fund (GRF).

HB 3094 also prohibits a public adjuster from engaging in services on behalf of any school district or Oklahoma education institution regarding property loss covered under an insurance contract issued by a state entity.

The exact increase in revenue that would be deposited into the GRF as a result of this measure passing is undeterminable, as it remains dependent on the number of violations filed per year. There are no further considerations to the state budget as this measure is not anticipated to create a negative fiscal impact on state agencies or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

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