

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

Pending

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3747 allows the Oklahoma Veterans Commission to enter into contracts with private nursing facilities to provide services to Oklahoma Veterans who reside more than One Hundred (100) miles from a State Veterans Home. Furthermore, upon admission, if an Oklahoma Veteran resides more than One Hundred (100) miles from a State Veteran Home, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) is directed to pay for a bed at a long-term care nursing facility within One Hundred (100) miles of the Oklahoma Veteran's residence.

ODVA estimated Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Four (2,644) veterans in the state of Oklahoma would qualify for long-term care and payment under this measure. ODVA used census data to determine the number of veterans not residing within One Hundred (100) miles of a State Veteran Home and are at least Sixty-Five (65) years old. Average cost for a semi-private nursing home bed in Oklahoma according to the AARP is approximately Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$5,550) per month or Sixty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$66,600) per year. Therefore, ODVA could be responsible for up to One Hundred Seventy-Six Million Ninety Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$176,090,400) per year to pay for long-term care in a private facility. According to ODVA, funding for this measure would require additional state appropriation in the full amount. Therefore, the fiscal impact on the state budget is \$176,090,400.

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Other Considerations

None.