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Research Analysis

The PCS for HB 4060 provides liability protection for people who glean agricultural crops or process wild game and donate the food to a charitable organization, state agency, or nonprofit. The measure defines terms and directs the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to:

- Review its regulations that may limit the use of donated or gleaned food and report its findings to the Legislature and Governor by January 1, 2025;
- Create a licensing program for current state-inspected non-game meat processors that want to participate in the Hunters Against Hunger program administered by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation; and
- Post information on its website so that visitors can find laws related to food donation, just as is already required of the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

The measure also directs the ODWC to post information about the new ODAFF meat-processing license on its Hunters Against Hunting web site.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure helps expands the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's (ODWC) Hunters Against Hunger program by allowing the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF) to create a special license that would allow already regulated meat processors to process deer meat during deer season. ODAFF does not believe the change would create a fiscal impact for the agency. ODWC is a non-appropriated agency, already pays nonregulated deer processors for meat donated through the program, and believes it can expand the program currently. As ODAFF does not believe there will be a fiscal impact, and ODWC is a non-appropriated agency, there should be no fiscal impact to the state budget.

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Other Considerations

None.