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Research Analysis

The committee substitute to SB 1055 modifies the definitions used in the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act to provide for meetings by electronic means. The measure allows the board of a community action agency to hold meetings by electronic means. The measure allows a public body to hold meetings by electronic means without a quorum present at the meeting location under certain circumstances, including during a declared state of emergency in which the public body is unable to utilize the physical meeting location or if the physical location designated on the meeting notice has become unsafe or inaccessible due to circumstances such as a gas leak, electrical failure, or structural damage. The measure also removes Covid-19 era policies related to video conference. The measure outlines requirements for members of a public body when conducting regular and special meetings by electronic means. Public bodies must stream meetings on their website if they have a website, dedicated information technology employees, and access to a high-speed internet connection. The measure also prohibits private electronic communications concerning public business between members of the public body during a public meeting.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute to SB 1055 allows for various situations where electronic means are used for a public meeting as well as removes expired COVID-19 language related to video conferencing. This measure has no direct fiscal or revenue considerations for the state.

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Other Considerations

None.