## **BILL SUMMARY** 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature

Bill No.:	SB1273
Version:	ENGR
<b>Request Number:</b>	
Author:	Rep. Townley
Date:	4/1/2024
Impact:	\$1,072,992.00

## **Research Analysis**

SB 1273 creates a revolving fund for the Department of Environmental Quality and appropriates \$1 million so the agency can work with Baylor University's Center for Reservoir and Aquatic Systems Research and any other relevant state and federal agencies to assess the health of the <u>Blue River-Little Blue Creek</u> in SE Oklahoma.

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## **Fiscal Analysis**

This measure requires the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to work with a partner to create and implement a study on the Blue River known as the Blue River-Little Blue Creek Stream Health Assessment Study. DEQ believes it will need the \$1,000,000.00 appropriation in this version of the bill to conduct the study, and an additional Full Time Employee at a salary and benefits costs of \$72,992.00. This creates a total fiscal impact of \$1,072,992.00, to the state budget.

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## **Other Considerations**

None.

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