Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

SB 1650 directs the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to promulgate rules and regulations relating to requiring public utilities to map and keep records of their sanitary sewer system, regularly inspecting and cleaning certain components of the system, prohibiting fat and grease from entering the system from nonresidential entities, providing reasonable response times to calls for sanitary sewer overflows (SSO) and clear debris, adopting ordinances requiring the construction or remodel of existing buildings to be connected to the sanitary sewer system, adoption of a policy advising private residential property owners who are connected to the sanitary sewer system to install a backflow prevention system, adopting a funding model, and adopting a 5-year capital improvement plan. The measure provides that periodic advisement of these requirements may be satisfied with advertisement by annual publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the city or town or by the town's website. The measure also establishes a 5-year moratorium against nuisance-based tort claims relating to the operation of public sanitary sewer systems for cities and towns complying with the provisions of this measure.

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