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Bill Analysis

SB 1744 expands “underground facility” as it relates to the Oklahoma Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Act to include private easements or rights-of-way as possible locations for such facilities. The measure also provides that any positive response to “watch and protect” shall require the operator or their direct representative present within 10 feet of the operator’s markings prior to the commencement of any excavation. The measure also provides that large projects shall require 120 hours’ notice and authorizes excavators of such projects to submit a pre-excavation meeting request no less than 14 days prior to the excavation date. The date of the meeting shall occur no sooner than 72 hours after the notification is submitted. The measure requires all parties involved in the pre-excavation meeting to coordinate a marking plan and take actions necessary to ensure proper notice requirements are met for affected facility operators.

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