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| Bill No.: | HB1352 |
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| Impact: | OTC Analysis: Unknown |

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB1352 expands eligibility for what qualifies as a quality event under the Oklahoma Quality Events Incentive Act to include:

- any new or existing event that is attended by 25 percent or more of out of state visitors and is located in a county with less than 100,000 people or city or town with less than 10,000 people; and
- any national or state scenic byway driving event sponsored by two or more counties, cities or towns located along the byway.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB1352 proposes to modify the definition of "quality event". Due to unclear language and other unknown variables, the impact to state revenues is unknown.

As provided by the Oklahoma Tax Commission:

1) for any county with a population of less than 100,000 persons, or any city or town with a population of less than 10,000 persons located in a county with more than 100,000 persons, each city or town within such county may designate one new or existing event per year that attracts 25% of its visitors from out-of-state as a quality event regardless of whether it meets the current definition of quality event or

2) for any National Scenic Byway or any State Scenic Byway, a combination of at least two cities, towns, or counties along the same byway may designate one driving event per year as a quality event."

The application of the proposed language outlined in number 1 is unclear. Specifically whether the intent is to limit the proposed quality event designation to cities/towns of less than 10,000 persons located in counties of more than 100,000 persons or potentially include other cities/town or counties?

Based on the noted discrepancy and the numerous variables affecting any estimate of this proposal including the number of newly eligible events, when they might occur, along with event expense amounts claimed and realized incremental state sales tax attributable to these events, the impact to state sales tax revenues is unknown.

The committee substitute should not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

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Other Considerations

None.

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