

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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| <b>Bill No.:</b>       | <b>HB1356</b>      |
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| <b>Impact:</b>         | <b>\$0</b>         |

**Research Analysis**

The committee substitute for HB 1356 creates "Kenny's Law," which provides that all gates that are part of an enclosure or barrier designed to contain livestock must be closed at all times, except in certain circumstances. A person will be violation of this act if they knowingly and maliciously leaves a gate open that's designed to contain livestock, damages any part of a gate, or allows livestock to escape containment. Individuals who violate this will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, will be punished by a fine up to \$1,000 for each separate offense or by imprisonment in a county jail for no more than 180 days for each offense or both. For third and subsequent offenses, the fine will go up to \$2,500 and imprisonment will go up to no more than a year. Individuals in violation will also incur all financial liability from damages caused. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry will promulgate rules necessary for implementation of this act.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The committee substitute to HB 1356 requires all gates designed to contain livestock to remain closed except for certain situations. The measure requires the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry (ODAFF) to promulgate rules regarding the provisions of this measure. ODAFF estimates no significant fiscal impact regarding rule promulgation; therefore, this measure has no direct fiscal impact to state budgetary resources.

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**Other Considerations**

None.