

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute for HB 2596 updates the process for Tier II and Tier III permits under the Oklahoma Uniform Environmental Permitting Act. The measure:

- Requires the DEQ to create an Electronic Environmental Permit Application Docket where applicants and the public can find documents related to a permit application and can subscribe to receive notifications about a pending application;
- Updates public notification requirements, which require electronic notice of public participation opportunities;
- Requires public meetings to happen more quickly, and requires the DEQ to file a response to public comments more quickly; and
- Requires the DEQ to hold a prehearing conference more quickly.

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Fiscal Analysis

The proposed committee substitute to HB 2596 updates environmental permitting requirements and procedures for the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). DEQ will be able to make these changes to their processes within their current budgetary resources; therefore, there is no direct fiscal impact as a result of this measure.

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Other Considerations

None.