

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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| <b>Bill No.:</b>       | <b>HB2596</b>        |
| <b>Version:</b>        | <b>POLREC</b>        |
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| <b>Impact:</b>         | <b>\$0</b>           |

**Research Analysis**

The policy committee recommendation 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;
- Updates public notifications requirements, which require electronic notice of public participation opportunities;
- Requires any permit applicant to notify all adjacent property owners in writing of their application;
- Requires public meetings to happen more quickly, and requires the DEQ to file a response to public comments more quickly;
- Shortens the time allowed to request an administrative hearing from 20 days to 15, and requires the DEQ to hold a prehearing conference more quickly; and
- Removes the "process meeting"

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The policy committee recommendation 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.