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Research Analysis

The proposed policy committee substitute to HB 3405 designates the following plants as noxious weeds and public nuisances in all counties across the state:

- Musk thistle (*Carduus nutans* L.);
- Poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*) and;
- Kudzu (*Pueraria montana*).

This measure requires landowners in each county to treat, control, and eradicate every year to prevent the propagation of the plants designated as noxious weeds in this section.

The State Board of Agriculture shall:

- Include thistles, poison hemlock, and kudzu a prohibited noxious weeds;
- Complete an annual survey detailing the degree of infestation of thistles, poison hemlock, and kudzu across the state;
- Provide information to the public that thistles, poison hemlock, and kudzu are a public nuisance and emphasize that it is the duty of every public, private, or corporate landowner to treat, control, and eradicate noxious weeds growing on property owned by the landowner.

Upon request, an evaluation of a property shall be conducted. The evaluation shall assess the infestation and determine the most appropriate treatment, control, or eradication method.

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Fiscal Analysis

The proposed policy committee substitute to HB 3405 adds poison hemlock and kudzu to the statutory noxious weed designation. The measure also removes potential fines a landowner may receive for not removing noxious weeds from their property. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF) has indicated that these modifications would have no fiscal or revenue considerations to the agency; therefore, there is no fiscal impact to state budgetary resources as a result from this measure.

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Other Considerations

None.

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