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Research Analysis

HB 3975, as introduced, creates the "Oklahoma Rural Health Transformation Program (OHRT)," which is to ensure the oversight of federal funds received from the State Department of Health through the Rural Health Transformation Program. The State Department of Health will be the lead agency in administering the program and will work with the federal government and other agencies. The State Department of Health must provide an annual report on the progress on the expenditures, programs, and outcomes that were listed in the CMS application as well as any changes. The report must be submitted to certain state leaders and be published online. The Department must also publish quarterly progress updates on its website. The measure also creates a related revolving fund.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3975 designates the State Department of Health (OSDH) as the lead agency for the Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program, a national initiative created under H.R. 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. The RHT Program is a five-year federal investment to strengthen and modernize health care in rural communities.

Oklahoma has been awarded \$223,476,949 for the first budget year of the grant. These funds will be deposited into the RHT Revolving Fund created by the measure for OSDH to expend on projects approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

In its current form, HB 3975 has no fiscal impact on state resources, as the program is fully supported by federal funds and the measure does not appropriate state dollars to the RHT Revolving Fund.

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Other Considerations

None.