

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 60th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB4459
Version:	INT
Request Number:	14592
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

HB 4459, as introduced, allows any groundwater irrigation district or a conservation district participating in cost-share to develop a program for providing groundwater metering devices to members to calibrate wells and irrigation systems.

If a person is a certified participant in the program, they may apply to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) for a five-year flexible groundwater permit. Such permit holder must submit certification that each well on the permit was properly metered for the prior year's usage, and provide the same verification at the end of their five-year permit.

A five-year permit holder may exceed their annual allowable amount in any one year, but must adhere to their five-year limit overall. They may not exceed their annual allocation by 200 percent in any one year.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.