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Bill Analysis

HB 1807 directs the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to require all permit holders authorized to take and use groundwater to implement a system of measuring groundwater usage. The Board shall determine the which measurement systems may be utilized. The measure directs the Board to offer a 5-year flex allocation of groundwater usage based upon the previously determined allocated annual use of the basin or subbasin beginning January 1, 2026. The flex allocation shall be available to existing permit holders, new applicants for groundwater use permits, and temporary permit holders for groundwater use permits. Applicants for the flex allocation shall be required to pay annual groundwater permit fee. Permit holders shall not be permitted to exceed the allocated amount by over 200% over the 5-year period.

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