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Bill Analysis

SB 1610 creates the Oklahoma Work Zone Safety and Contractor Protection Act. The measure expands “employee” as it relates to the Governmental Tort Claims Act to include contractors, subcontractors, and employees of such for the purposes of civil actions arising out of roadway work zone operations performed under contract with the Department of Transportation or a political subdivision. The measure directs the Department establish a demonstration program utilizing automated work zone speed enforcement systems in active roadway work zones in coordination with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. Such zone shall only operate during active roadway work zone operations and be deployed on no fewer than 5 and no more than 20 active roadway projects at any given time. The measure authorizes contractors and subcontractors to use flashing red and blue lamps on the rear of work vehicles for the purpose of warning approaching motorists. The measure provides for immunity to liability for contractors complying with the provisions of this measure in the event of an injury.

Each installed system must undergo daily self-tests and an annual calibration. Images taken shall be limited to the rear and license plate of a vehicle and must be destroyed within 1 year of case resolution. Motorists found to be in violation of speed limits at a work zone shall be required to take a required course on work zone safety for the first offense, a \$100.00 fine for a second offense in an 18-month period after the first violation, and a \$125.00 fine for a third violation in the 18-month period. Motorists who fail to complete the course on the first violation within a 30-day period shall be subject to a \$75.00 fine. The measure provides for a \$25.00 late fee if the fine is not paid within 30 days. 80% of each collected fine shall be deposited into the newly created Work Zone Safety Revolving Fund.

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