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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President:
Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

HB1807

By: Newton of the House and Jech of the Senate

Title: Waters and water rights; requiring certain meters for certain water wells; allocation to encourage conservation after certain date; requirements for participation; prohibiting excessive use; exempting certain wells; effective date.

Together with Engrossed Senate Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

1. That the House accept Senate amendment No. 1; and
2. By adopting the conference committee amendment to restore the enacting clause; and
3. By adopting the conference committee amendment to restore the title to read as follows:

An Act relating to water and water rights; amending 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1020.19, which relates to metering of wells; requiring all permit holders to utilize certain system for use of water; authorizing Oklahoma Water Resources Board to make certain determination; requiring data collected be used for certain report; authorizing Board to implement certain allocation to encourage conservation after certain date; specifying requirements for participation; prohibiting excessive use; making exemption for certain wells; and providing an effective date.

Respectfully submitted,

House Action _____ Date _____ Senate Action _____ Date _____

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1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT
TO
2 ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1807

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7 [water and water rights - metering of wells - permit
8 holders - use of water - Oklahoma Water Resources
9 Board - allocation - conservation - excessive use -
10 effective date]
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13 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the stricken title, enacting clause
14 and entire bill and insert

15 "[water and water rights - metering of wells -
16 permit holders - use of water - Oklahoma Water
Resources Board - allocation - conservation -
17 excessive use - effective date]
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19 ~~BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:~~

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1020.19, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 1020.19. ~~Upon request of a majority of the landowners~~
23 ~~residing within a basin or subbasin, the Board is authorized to~~
24 ~~require that water wells be metered and that such meters as the~~

1 ~~Board shall approve be utilized by the applicant and placed under~~
2 ~~seal, subject to reading by the agents of the Board at any time.~~
3 ~~The Board may also require that the applicant report the reading of~~
4 ~~such meters at reasonable intervals~~

5 A. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall require all permit
6 holders authorized to take and use groundwater to implement a system
7 of measuring groundwater usage from all wells associated with the
8 permit. The Board shall determine which measurement systems may be
9 utilized, which shall include, but not be limited to, pump and
10 irrigation monitoring telemetry devices capable of reporting usage.
11 Such measuring systems shall be in proper operating condition at all
12 times when groundwater is being produced. Data from the measuring
13 system shall be utilized for the annual groundwater use report.

14 B. To encourage groundwater conservation, beginning January 1,
15 2026, the Board shall provide a five-year flex allocation of
16 groundwater usage based upon the previously determined allocated
17 annual use of the basin or subbasin. A five-year flex allocation
18 shall not require a new permit for existing permit holders. A five-
19 year flex allocation shall be available for:

20 1. Existing permit holders for groundwater use permits in
21 basins or subbasins, based upon the maximum annual yield
22 determination at the time of the original application;
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1 2. New applicants for groundwater use permits in basins or
2 subbasins based upon the current maximum annual yield determination;
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4 3. New and existing applicants and temporary permit holders for
5 groundwater use permits in basins or subbasins where the maximum
6 annual yield has yet to be determined.

7 C. An applicant for a five-year flex allocation shall be
8 required to:

9 1. Submit an annual usage report of the prior year's usage from
10 a Board-approved water measurement system; and

11 2. Pay the annual groundwater permit fee.

12 D. A five-year flex allocation shall allow the permit holder to
13 exceed the determined annual allocation in any year of the five-year
14 allocation; provided, that the applicant shall adhere to the
15 cumulative annually determined allocation of the basin or subbasin
16 over the five-year period. The permit holder shall not exceed the
17 permitted annual allocation by over two hundred percent (200%) in
18 any of the five (5) years.

19 E. Nothing in this section shall apply to domestic wells.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025."

1 Passed the Senate the 7th day of May, 2025.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2025.

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SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the day of , 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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