## **Senate Fiscal Summary**

1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature



## **House Bill 1807**

Version: ENGR
Agency: Oklahoma Water Resources Board

Senate Author: Jech

House Author: Newton

FY'26 Impact: \$275,000 - \$325,000

Full Year Impact: \$125,000

## Bill Summary and Fiscal Analysis:

HB1807 directs that all permit holders authorized to take and use groundwater to implement a system of measuring groundwater usage from all wells associated with the permit and directs the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to determine which measurement systems may be utilized. The OWRB shall provide a five-year flex allocation of groundwater usage based off the previously determined allocated annual use of the basin and makes the flex allocation available for new and existing permit holders and applicants. Applicants for the flex allocation must submit an annual usage report of the prior year's usage and pay the annual groundwater permit fee.

The OWRB estimates a fiscal impact between \$275,000 and \$325,000. One-time costs are estimated between \$150,000 and \$200,000 for a contractor to create online forms, update the Water Rights Database, and assure communication between computer programs. Their annual cost is estimated at \$125,000 for 1 FTE for administration, coordination, and outreach.

Fiscal impact provided by OWRB and Senate staff.