## **Senate Fiscal Summary**

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



## **House Bill 2747**

Version:
Agency:
Oklahoma Corporation Commission
Senate Author:
House Author:
Caldwell, T.
FY'26 Impact:
\$1,050,000

Full Year Impact: \$1,000,000

## Bill Summary and Fiscal Analysis:

HB2747 allows a utility to begin recovering work-in-progress expenses prior to the commercial operation of a new, or newly expanded, natural gas facility. The Commission is required to permit a special rate for the recovery of such expenses. If construction or expansion is terminated before completion, the utility must refund customers any money collected through the special rate plus interest within 90 days of termination of the project. Utilities are allowed to defer 90% of their depreciated expenses as a regulatory asset. Retail electric suppliers and rural electric coops to extend their current network of transmission lines provided they solicit competitive bids overseen by an independent evaluator and identify energy resources they will connect to or possible resources for integrating new/existing natural gas generation. Retail electric suppliers are prohibited from offering rate-payer-funded incentives, rebates, or inducements to their customers to promote the switching of natural gas to electric fuel sources.

The Corporation Commission estimates a one-time cost of \$50,000 to promulgate rulemaking. They also estimate a fiscal impact of approximately \$1,000,000 in recurring annual costs which include:

- Hiring of 2 FTE (salary of \$125,000 each)
- Hiring of an independent evaluator (\$125,000) on six occasions (\$750,000 total)

Fiscal impact provided by the Corporation Commission and Senate staff.