

**Senate Fiscal Summary**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature



**Senate Bill 259**

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<b>Version:</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>Agency:</b>	<b>Oklahoma Water Resources Board</b>
<b>Senate Author:</b>	<b>Howard</b>
<b>House Author:</b>	<b>Newton</b>
<b>FY'26 Impact:</b>	<b>\$2,300,000</b>
<b>Full Year Impact:</b>	<b>\$1,900,000</b>

**Bill Summary and  
Fiscal Analysis:**

SB 259 requires water permit holders to remit their annual report of water use to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) no later than January 31 of the year following the permitted use, and specifies that conservation, nonuse, and usage practices resulting in less consumption of the permitted water shall not be used to diminish the permit holder's future permitted equal proportional share.

The committee substitute has not changed the fiscal impact from the previous version of the proposal.

The OWRB estimates a fiscal impact of \$2,300,000 in the first year, of which \$1,500,000 is provided for in the proposal, and \$1,900,000 in subsequent years, for IT maintenance and licensing.

Fiscal impact provided by the OWRB.