

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 60th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | HB1728 |
| Version: | CCR A |
| Request Number: | |
| Author: | Rep. Moore |
| Date: | 5/20/2025 |
| Impact: | \$2,355,000 Included in Budget |

Research Analysis

The CCR A for HB 1728 adopts the Senate Amendments to the measure which specify that this measure will take place in the Upper North Fork of the Red River Basin and also restores the title.

HB 1728 creates the "Salt Cedar Eradication Act," which creates a program to control and eradicate invasive salt cedar species within the Upper North Fork of the Red River Basin. The program will be administered by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission in collaboration with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission will establish guidelines for participation, is authorized to promulgate any rules and procedures, and must submit an annual report. The measure creates a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to be designated the "Salt Cedar Eradication Revolving Fund."

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Fiscal Analysis

The conference committee report to HB 1728 creates a new program within the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to eradicate the salt cedar species in Oklahoma counties within the Upper North Fork of the Red River Basin. Per the Conservation Commission, the estimated cost to eradicate these species would range from Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per acre. Two Million Three Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$2,355,000) in additional funding was included in the FY-26 General Appropriations bill to address expansion of invasive woody species eradication programs at the Conservation Commission.

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Other Considerations

None.