BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.: HB2756 Version: SAHB

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Author: Rep. Caldwell, T. Date: 5/16/2025 Impact: \$15,000 in Recurring Costs

\$8,000 in One-Time Costs

Research Analysis

The Senate amendments to HB 2756 are mostly clean and do not have a substantive impact on the bill.

The measure, as amended, requires any transmission developer to apply for a certificate of authority from the Corporation Commission for any high voltage transmission line or transmission facility with a rating of 300 kV or higher. The measure lists the requirements for the application. If the developer is required to file subsequent forms with FERC due to modified plans, the developer must file those same forms with the Commission.

The measure also lists notification requirements and other requirements for the developer. They must:

- Provide proof that a notice was published in appropriate newspapers within 30 days of filing the application for certificate of authority;
- Hold a public meeting within 90 days of publishing the newspaper notice;
- Provide proof that notification was mailed to Board of Commissioners of every county in which the electric transmission will be located, all surface landowners which will be affected above or below ground, and any potentially affected oil and gas operators;
- File an attestation that they have or will secure sufficient insurance coverage; and
- File environmental impact statements, a safety plan, a decommissioning plan, and a financial surety guarantee.

Lastly, the measure clarifies that nothing in the bill authorizes a transmission developer to exercise eminent domain that is not already in statute.

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Fiscal Analysis

The Senate amendment to HB 2756 requires transmission developers to obtain a Certificate of Authority from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission for certain electric transmission lines or facilities. The measure authorizes the Corporation Commission to assess a filing fee for obtaining a Certificate of Authority of no more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and promulgate rules regarding the implementation of this measure. The Corporation Commission estimates that the annual fiscal impact of this measure is Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) with Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) in one-time rule promulgation costs for the Public Utility Division within the agency. Therefore, the total FY-26 impact to budgetary resources is Twenty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000).

Other Considerations
None.
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