BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

The CCR A to HB2897 requires a medical marijuana transporter license be issued to qualifying applicants for a medical marijuana retail, growing, or processing license at the time of license approval. A medical marijuana transporter license will allow the licensee to transport medical marijuana from a dispensary to a patient who has a Veterans Affairs Benefit Summary Letter with a 100% disability rating. The Authority will issue transporter licenses upon proper application and determination that the proposed site and facility are physically and technically suitable. A licensed transporter may maintain and operate one or more warehouses provided they have applied for and received a permit for each warehouse location. There will be no limits to permits issues under a medical marijuana transporter license. Warehouses may temporarily store medical marijuana, concentrate and products, provided all temporary storage is documented, tracked, and traceable in the seed-to-sale tracking system. For temporary storage inventory manifests, the information listed in the measure must be included and the manifests and logs must be maintained for seven years.

Prior to transport, a sales receipt must prepared at a licensed dispensary and a separate receipt must be prepared for each licensee receiving a delivery. The inventory manifest will include the information listed in the measure. All delivery sales will go through a third-party vendor and will include the listed criteria in the process.

The measure creates a Medical Marijuana Veterans Transporter Pilot Program within OMMA. The pilot program will expire two years after the act's effective date and the program will permit qualifying entities to transport medical marijuana from a dispensary to a 100% disabled veteran who is a patient. OMMA will promulgate rules as necessary. The measure also requires every medical marijuana dispensary to provide signage, at their own expense, that warns that ingesting THC products while pregnant is not healthy for the unborn child.

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Fiscal Analysis

The Conference Committee Report to HB 2897 creates the Oklahoma Medical Mariuana Veterans Transporter Pilot Program within the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA). The program allows qualifying entities to transport medical marijuana from licensed dispensaries to patients who provide a Veterans Affairs Benefit Summary Letter with a 100% disability rating. The measure directs OMMA to promulgate rules and implement the pilot program. According to OMMA, "as of February 2025, there are 2,024 patient licensees that are 100% disabled veterans that would qualify for delivery under the provisions of this bill. Businesses will be responsible for the requirements of the third-party application outlined in the legislation, and as such the agency does not anticipate a cost to the agency. The agency

anticipates utilizing existing staff to evaluate seed-to-sale data and ensure compliance with transport requirements outlined in this bill. There may be minor costs necessary for updates with the seed-to-sale or licensing vendors to implement the requirements of this bill; while the Authority anticipates these costs to be minor, we cannot provide specific estimates at this time."

Additionally, the measure requires medical marijuana businesses to display a warning sign with specific language regarding the consumption of THC products while pregnant. The cost of signage is at the expense of the business owner. Therefore, in its current form, HB 2897 is not anticipated to have an impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

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