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Research Analysis

The policy committee recommendation to HB 3405 designates poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*) and kudzu (*Pueraria montana*) as noxious weeds creating a public nuisance in all counties of the state. This measure requires every landowner in each count to treat, control, or eradicate all Canada thistles, musk thistles, Scotch thistles, poison hemlock, and kudzu growing on a landowner's property yearly to prevent propagation.

This measure requires the Department of Transportation (ODOT), boards of county commissioners, and any other public, private, or corporate entity who maintain rights-of-way in the state to eradicate poison hemlock and kudzu infestations within their jurisdiction.

This measure also enables the State Department of Agriculture upon written complaint to inspect poison hemlock and kudzu infestations, assess the nature and extent of the infestation on the property, and determine the most appropriate method of treatment.

The measure requires the State Board of Agriculture to:

- Include thistles, poison hemlock, and kudzu in administrative rules governing the treatment, control, and eradication of noxious weeds;
- Complete an annual survey detailing the degree of infestation of thistles, poison hemlock, and kudzu across the state;
- Provide information to the public that thistles, poison hemlock, and kudzu are a public nuisance and emphasize that it is the duty of every public, private, or corporate landowner to treat, control, and eradicate noxious weeds growing on property owned by the landowner.

This measures also permits landowners or the Department of Agriculture to request an inspection for poison hemlock and kudzu from the Oklahoma State University extension agent assigned to the county where the property is located.

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Fiscal Analysis

The policy committee recommendation to HB 3405 adds poison hemlock and kudzu to the statutory noxious weed designation. The measure also removes potential fines a landowner may receive for not removing noxious weeds from their property. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF) has indicated that these modifications would have no

fiscal or revenue considerations to the agency; therefore, there is no fiscal impact to state budgetary resources as a result from this measure.

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Other Considerations

None.

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