

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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**Research Analysis**

HB 4272 creates the Uniform Certificate of Title for Vessels Act (UCOTVA). The uniform act provides a uniform titling laws for all states and territories. The Act requires certain vessel owners to apply for a certificate of title. Under the Act, certificates of title are required for vessels that are:

1. Principally used in the state;
2. At least 16 feet long; or
3. Propelled by an engine of at least 10 horsepower.

UCOTVA also includes a special branding requirement to offer transparency and protection for consumers. If the integrity of a vessel's hull was compromised by a casualty event, the owner or insurer must, prior to selling the vessel, either note this on the certificate or apply for a new certificate that indicates that the vessel is "hull damaged." Failure to comply with this rule renders the offender liable for a civil or administrative penalty.

In addition, UCOTVA establishes what information must be in an application for a certificate of title; how to deal with a transfer of ownership and title; the rights of a secured party; and the rights of a purchaser other than a secured party.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

House Bill 4272 creates the Uniform Certificate of Title for Vessels Act and significantly revises state law governing the titling of vessels and certain outboard motors. It establishes a new, comprehensive titling system, creates procedures for lien perfection and release, sets application and documentation requirements, and repeals several existing vessel titling statutes. The measure also authorizes Service Oklahoma to promulgate rules necessary to implement and administer the act.

Per Service Oklahoma, implementation will carry a one-time administrative cost of approximately \$500,000.00, and roughly 12-18 months to design, test, and deploy the system. However, the cost is expected to be absorbed within existing budgetary resources. Therefore, the measure is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

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