BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

The committee substitute to SB 447 allows any person to forage for nuts and edible plants or fungi on state-owned or state-managed property for personal consumption. *Personal consumption* is defined in the measure as an amount that can be consumed in a few days by a person and not sold to another person. Foragers are encouraged to wear hunter orange outer garments so they are clearly visible. The measure prohibits the foraging of nuts and edible plants or fungi that are threated or endangered or from crops certified by the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station system or the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service of the Oklahoma State University Division of Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources. Additionally, the measure allows foraging in Wildlife Management Areas after July 1, 2026.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute to SB 447 permits foraging of nuts and edible plants or fungi on certain state-owned or managed property under certain circumstances. The measure does not carry any fiscal or revenue considerations for the state. 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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