## **BILL SUMMARY**

1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature

Bill No.: HB1095 Version: Floor Amendment 1

**Request Number:** 

Author: Rep. Osburn
Date: 3/11/2019
Impact: no anticipated impact on state

unemployment tax rates or unemployment benefit rates

## **Research Analysis**

Floor Amendment 1 to HB 1095 removes language granting authority to OESC to make a determination and inserts language authorizing use of the 20-factor test used by the IRS in determining if an employer-employee relationship exists.

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## **Fiscal Analysis**

Floor Amendment 1 to HB 1095 modifies the test used to determine whether an individual is considered an employee of an employer or an independent contractor. Independent contractors are not eligible for unemployment benefits and businesses who contract for effort from independent contractors do not pay state unemployment taxes for such contractors.

The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC) is a nonappropriated state agency whose administration is funded by federal monies while unemployment benefits are paid from state unemployment taxes collected from employers. OESC does not currently predict a material change in the rates of unemployment taxes or unemployment benefits as a result of HB 1095.

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## **Other Considerations**

None.

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