BILL SUMMARY

1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.: HB 2324
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Impact: ODWC: (non-appropriated) the

ODWC: (non-appropriated) the agency estimates a \$5.7 million loss, annually. The agency negative impact is dependent on the number of licenses sold.

Research Analysis

HB 2324 creates a combination hunting and fishing landowner license, which shall cost the same amount as a resident annual hunting license. According to the current Oklahoma Hunting Guide, a resident annual hunting license is \$42. The license can be issued to the landowner or tenant, as well as their grandparents, grandchildren, children, spouses, and siblings; residency is not a requirement. The measure provides a limit of one license per 80 acres.

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Fiscal Analysis

After review, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, a non-appropriated agency, estimates a negative fiscal impact to the agency for nonresident hunting and fishing licenses ranging from \$137 to \$4.2 million annually, dependent on the number of nonresidents, who take advantage of purchasing this license. For state residents, the agency anticipates a further annual loss, ranging \$16 per person, to \$1.5 million, also dependent on the number of state residents who purchase the license.

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Other Considerations

None.

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