

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 2471</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>OWRB: Conservatively \$5,028,000</b>

**DOM: (1) FTE, fiscal impact of \$90,000  
plus costs for water sampling  
approximately \$2,500 annually.**

**DEQ: The direct fiscal  
impact is minimal.  
However, the fiscal impact  
cannot be estimated for the  
required coordination to  
implement the project.**

**Research Analysis**

Pending

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The Oklahoma Water Resources Board, referenced the language in subsection (C) (1) directing the agency to complete a study and develop modeling and other technical tools. From that language, the agency estimates costs for this study and the model development to cost approximately \$5 million. The agency notes they have been in discussions for various funding partners; however, they currently lack the funding for the referenced study. Lastly, the total fiscal impact to the agency, if any, regarding completion of the study, is yet to be determined.

The OWRB does expect to commit significant staff time to the development and promulgation of the rulemaking identified in subsection (C) (2). This effort will likely take place after the completion of the multi-year study and development of modeling tools. Based on previous promulgation of rules associated with the Arbuckle Simpson groundwater basin, the OWRB expects to expend approximately \$28,000 based on current salary costs.

The Department of Mines anticipates the need to hire one (1) FTE at approximately \$80,000 for a hydrologist or an engineer. Additional costs anticipated, include an estimated \$10,000 for equipment, and lastly, the required water sampling will have an impact of conservatively, \$2,500 annually.

After analysis, the measure as written has a minimal direct fiscal impact to the Department of Environmental Quality. However, per the agency, the requirements in the measure relating to

coordination, consultation and rulemaking is anticipated to require significant amounts of staff time, and, they cannot reasonably offer the impact for this.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

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