

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.: HB 2474
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Author: Speaker McCall
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Impact: OWRB: First year anticipated 1 FTE at \$52,000, and \$30,000 for Required Equipment. The second year salary for FTE \$52,000.

Research Analysis

HB 2474 requires the Oklahoma Water Resource Board to publish online all project applications and provide at least 30 days from the publication date before the board takes action.

Prepared By: Tricia Hines

Fiscal Analysis

In its current state, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) reports the bill would require the efforts of one (1) full-time employee at \$52,000 per year, including benefits, and require the one time purchase of additional scanning equipment of \$30,000 for a total of \$82,000 for year one. Following year one, the fiscal impact would require a fulltime employee salary of \$52,000. OWRB reports additional costs would be incurred if redaction of sensitive personal information found in the application regarding the applicant or adjacent landowners were required prior to posting online.

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Other Considerations

The OWRB received approximately 2465 “applications for projects” for fiscal year 2018. This would include water rights permits, financial assistance (grants and loans), dam safety, well driller, floodplain development, and WQS site specific criteria. Often, applications undergo several rounds of corrections and amendments before being sent out for public notice.

OWRB Total Applications Received by FY 18

	CWSRF Loans ¹	DWSRF Loans ²	FAP Loans ³	REAP Grants ⁴	Emergency Grants	Water Rights	Provisional Temp Permits	Dam Permits	Well Driller Licenses	Floodplain Permits	Total
FY 2018	15	9	8	78	12	283	1948	10	30	72	2465

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1. Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
2. Drinking Water State Resolving Fund
3. FAP – Financial Assistance Loans
4. Rural Economic Action Plans Grants

OWRB states that requiring hearing dates to be specified in the rules would be most burdensome on the parties involved in the hearings. OWRB further states that it is unclear how the “public comment” provision would apply. The Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, which governs the permit

application process, includes provisions for individual proceedings (after a timely filed protest) but not for public comment.

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