

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2597
Version:	INT
Request Number:	7770
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Impact:	OSBI: \$4-\$6 revenue loss

Research Analysis

HB 2597 establishes “Constitutional Carry” to allow the carrying of firearms by any person at least 21 years of age or a person who is at least 18 years of age and in the military to carry a firearm concealed or unconcealed if the person is not otherwise disqualified from the possession or purchase of a firearm. The measure provides that it is unlawful for an alien illegally in the United States to possess or have in their control a firearm or imitation or toy firearm. The measure clarifies the carrying and transport of firearms in vehicles. The measure provides that the availability of a license to carry pursuant the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act does not prohibit the lawful transport or carrying of a handgun or pistol in a vehicle or on or about a person whether concealed or unconcealed, loaded or unloaded and without a valid handgun license as permitted by law.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2597, which deals with firearms, upon review and consultation with OSBI, has a projected revenue loss of \$4-\$6 million annually for the agency due to the reduction in SDA licenses. With less Oklahomans acquiring the license, the agency will no longer collect the level of license revenue it has in the past.

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Other Considerations

A portion of the SDA funding is utilized for the operations of the SDA licensing unit and these funds will not need to be replaced since the reduction in demand will shrink that department. However, the agency does utilize a fair portion of the revenue collected for other department operations, and these funds will need to be replaced by some other means for the agency to continue to operate at its current level.