

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 1003
Version:	ENGR
Request Number:	NA
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Impact:	DEQ: No significant fiscal impact anticipated to agency or State.

Research Analysis

SB 1003 creates the Oklahoma Environmental, Health and Safety Audit Privilege Act “to encourage voluntary compliance with environmental and occupational health and safety laws.” The measure defines *audit* as a systematic voluntary evaluation of compliance with environmental or health and safety laws by anyone that is considering the acquisition of a regulated facility or operation. Audits are due to the governmental entity with jurisdiction over the facility within six months of the date the audit is initiated or the closing date.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure encourages voluntary compliance with environmental and occupational health and safety laws by creating the OK Environmental, Health and Safety Audit Privilege Act. Per the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), there is no significant fiscal impact to the agency or the State anticipated.

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Other Considerations

None.