BILL SUMMARY

1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.: SB 868
Version: ENGR
Request Number: NA
Author: Rep. Echols
Date: 3/29/2019
Impact: ODAFF: As written, \$0 anticipated to agency.

Research Analysis

SB 868 directs the State Board of Agriculture to consult with the Governor and Attorney General to submit necessary paperwork to the USDA for the approval of the Oklahoma Industrial Hemp Program. The measure modifies the Oklahoma Industrial Hemp Program so that it is no longer a pilot program and is compliant with federal law. It also repeals two sections of law that required the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to 1) establish a certified hemp seed program and 2) to study the feasibility of attracting federal and private funding to implement the pilot program established in 2018.

Prepared By: Tricia Hines

Fiscal Analysis

The measure relates to industrialized hemp and powers of the State Board of Agriculture. As currently written, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry (ODAFF), anticipates the bill to have a \$0 fiscal impact. License fees to the agency would cover any current impact.

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Other Considerations

The agency would note as the program grows in future years, there would be a need for more employee involvement in efforts to maintain records required. ODAFF is unable to quantify those costs at this time.

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