BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

HB 1551 authorizes the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board to establish a Conviction Integrity Review Unit to review convictions of inmates who have received death sentences. The measure allows an inmate sentenced to death to petition the Conviction Integrity Review Unit to request the review of their conviction. The Unit is authorized to review if there is a plausible claim of actual innocence which is supported by information or evidence not previously presented and is capable of being investigated and resolved. The direct appeal of the inmate must also be final with a mandate that there is no pending litigation relating to the conviction. At the conclusion of an investigation by the Unit, the findings are to be presented to the Pardon and Parole Board with copies to the Attorney General and the district attorney's office which prosecuted the case.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.

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