

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | HB 1708 |
| Version: | Introduced |
| Request Number: | 5158 |
| Author: | Hill |
| Date: | 2/8/2021 |
| Impact: | Unknown, see analysis below |

Research Analysis

HB1708, as introduced, creates the Oklahoma Tourism Ignition Program. The measure allows municipalities to submit plans to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission for generating tourism in their area. The Commission may approve or deny plans. If approved, the Commission shall provide matching funds for the implementation of the plan, up to \$5,000.

The program is to be administered by the Oklahoma Tourism Department and expires November 1, 2023.

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Fiscal Analysis

According to officials at the Department of Tourism and Recreation, HB 1708 will require additional appropriations, as there is no funding source within the bill. Because there is no funding source in the bill, the amount of appropriations needed will depend on the size of the program and the rules promulgated, which is at the discretion of the Department in the measure. Therefore, there will be an impact on the State's budget and appropriations, but under the current version of the bill the size of the impact cannot be determined.

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Other Considerations

None.