BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

HB 2028 prohibits excavators from initiating work if they have knowledge that an operator has unmarked underground facilities. Excavation may begin after notice has been given and such facilities have been marked. The measure provides for notification during states of emergency.

Operators are required to locate and mark or give the approximate location of the underground facilities of the operator. This measure removes the exception. The excavator is required to maintain and preserve all marks for the duration of excavation or demolition and to report to the notification center if marks are no longer visible or removed.

The measure requires certain notice when any damage occurs to underground facilities. All operators within the defined geographical boundary who have underground facilities are required to become members of the notification center. This measure requires documentation of members' responses to excavators' notifications.

Lastly, this measure repeals 63 O.S. 2011, Section 142.11, which relates to exemptions. https://www.oscn.net/applications/oscn/DeliverDocument.asp?CiteID=437245

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2028 in its current form deals with requirements for excavation on or near underground facilities. It should not create a fiscal impact for the State.

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Other Considerations

None.

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