

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 4412
Version:	Introduced
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Impact:	\$450,000/year

Research Analysis

HB 4412 creates within the Oklahoma Conservation Commission a program to promote farming and ranching practices that increase the health, yield, and profitability of the soil through baseline soil assessments, landowner education, and grants to technical assistance providers.

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Fiscal Analysis

According to the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, while HB 4412 builds off programs the Commission is already doing, but there would be some additional funding needs.

Need	Amount
2.5 FTEs	\$195,000
3 new vehicles	\$18,000
Soil Sampling Increase	\$5,000
Supplies	\$11,000
Equipment	\$21,000
Cost-Share	\$200,000
Total	\$450,000

- The three new vehicles would support the new FTEs plus current FTEs that are currently sharing
- Soil samples would double from 100 to 200 samples collected and analyzed yearly
- Increase in supplies for things like fuel, printing, computers, and more for new staff
- Equipment is soil sampling equipment needed including UTV, hydraulic soil probe, and trailer
- Currently through the locally-led cost share program, approximately \$85,000 in funding annually supports soil health practices like cover crops and alternative water supplies to encourage better pasture utilization. Addition of \$200,000 could include cover crops demonstrations on approximately 25 farms and temporary fencing/alternative water supplies on approximately 25 cattlemen operations to support rotational grazing.

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Other Considerations

None.

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