

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

Engrossed SB659 establishes the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission as the Clearinghouse for Unmanned Aircraft Systems in Oklahoma. The OAC is designated as the agency for promotion, enhancement and development of UAS to ensure safe integration and use of this technology. The OAC is directed, in its role as the clearinghouse, to cooperate, assist and coordinate among levels and agencies of government in development of UAS and to ensure integration of the technology into the National Airspace System. The clearinghouse is directed to conduct research on UAS rules, regulations and policies of other states and municipalities; to organize and coordinate applications for UAS test sites, pilot programs or grant funding; and to maintain registries of UAS operated by state agencies and of educational institutions offering training programs.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 659 in its current form creates the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Development Act of 2021 and tasks the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission with certain related duties. The Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission is a non-appropriated state agency; therefore, any additional cost related to the provisions of SB 659 are expected to be absorbed with the Commission's existing budgetary resources.

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Other Considerations

None.