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Bill Analysis

SB 1272 clarifies that records subject to the Oklahoma Open Records Act shall be available to all residents of the state and persons doing business in the state. The measure strikes current language outlining the fee structure for distributing copies of records and outlines a new system. Fees for copying records without an image shall be \$0.50 per page and each printed photograph shall be \$15.00. Videos and other media shall be \$20.00. The amount shall be \$0.30 per page if the copies are requested to be delivered electronically, the entire request can be reproduced from an electronic record system, and the request can be produced from an electronic system. Postage shall not be charged for delivery of requests, but a fee of up to \$5.00 may be assessed. The measure provides that a public body may charge the requestor for certain items as well as a fee to recover the direct cost of record search and processing if the records request is solely for a private or commercial purpose. Additionally, the measure clarifies that publication in an Oklahoman newspaper shall not constitute a resale or use of a record for commercial purpose and that no search fee shall be assessed if the requested records are in the public interest as defined in the measure. The measure authorizes any public body to seek judicial determination of the extent of public interest in connection with a records request that would exceed 1,000 pages in length. No search is required if the requesting party has past-due copy or search fees or fails to provide adequate assurance of payment for a search and processing that would exceed 1 hour of search and processing time.

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