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Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute for HB 1461 authorizes the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to establish a Woody Invasion Cost Share Program with the purpose of incentivizing landowners to reduce the detrimental effects of native Juniper species and non-native salt cedars on the state's natural resources.

To implement the program, the Commission will require conservation districts to enter into contracts with landowners detailing both parties' responsibilities in eradicating and monitoring the problematic plant species.

The measure lists the requirements for applicants and the Commission to implement the program.

Lastly, the measure repeals this section of law:

[2 O.S. Section 16-73 - Tamarix ssp - Research and Control](#)

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<http://www.oklegislature.gov/BillInfo.aspx?Bill=hb1461&Session=2300>**Fiscal Analysis**

This measure establishes a cost-sharing program at the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to deal with invasive woody species such as Tamarisk or Salt Cedars. While it creates the program, it does allow it to be operated as funds are available. There is no appropriation to the program in this measure. Therefore, there is not fiscal impact from this measure.

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Other Considerations

None.