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Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 1586 allows the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department to enforce an administrative fine for any person who occupies a campsite designated as reserved or who fails to pay the park entry fee. The fines are not to exceed \$50 for a first offense, \$100 for a second offense, and \$250 for third and subsequent offenses. Further, the measure allows the Commission to establish annual single and multi-park parking passes. Single park parking passes are to have a maximum fee of \$20 for residents and a minimum fee of \$75 for nonresidents. Residents 62 years old and over are exempt from the single park parking pass fees.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB1586 does several things at State Parks run by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department (OTRD). First, it creates a administrative fine system for those who either fail to reserve a "Reserved" campsite or fail to vacate the site after notice by an OTRD employee, and for those who fail to pay the entry or parking fee upon entering a state park. While this will bring in some revenue for OTRD, it is currently unknown how much, as it is a new fine.

Second, HB1586 creates a single park parking pass for Oklahoma residents under the age of 62 for \$20.00 per year. The fee for non-residents for single park parking passes under the age of 62 is \$75.00 per year. Anyone over the age of 62 is exempt. It also allows the Tourism Commission to establish an annual multi-park parking pass at a rate it may determine. Under the current parking pass fee structure, OTRD receives about \$2,600,000.00 This amount will likely decrease under the new parking pass system in place by this bill. Additionally, OTRD currently has a contracted vendor to help administer the parking passes, and would likely need to terminate that contract and create a new RFP for the new parking pass system. OTRD stated that the termination fee on the current contract is \$180,000.00.

Given the above unknown increase in revenue from the new fine structure for certain violations, the unknown decrease from the change in parking pass structure, and the known contract termination rate, it is unknown if additional appropriations may be needed by OTRD to help cover the lost of the known income.

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Other Considerations

None.

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