

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute to House Bill 1696, expands the Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment Program to include certified nurse practitioners. The measure also expands the definition of primary care physicians to include physicians practicing general surgery.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1696 expands the Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment Program to offer assistance to certified nurse practitioners and general surgeons. Officials from the Health Care Workforce Training Commission (HWTC) stated "current budget for nurse scholarships would be adjusted to provide budget for nurse practitioner loan repayment. Undesignated carryover funding can also be utilized. The same applies to the addition of general surgery on the physician side."

As a result, HWTC confirmed they do not anticipate an immediate fiscal impact from the passing of this measure, as the pool of eligible applicants is expanding without the need for an increase in funding. There are no further considerations to the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.