

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB2197</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>10156</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$100,000/year</b>

**Research Analysis**

The CS for HB 2197 allows stream-water permit holders to explain any unused water in a mandatory annual report, which is submitted to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. The measure authorizes the board to excuse the nonuse, rather than requiring the permit holder to forfeit the water.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

According to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB), this measure would require at least one new staff position for all the monitoring and reporting required. With salary and benefits, OWRB expects the cost of the new staff person to be about One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). Therefore, the fiscal impact of this measure is an annual amount of \$100,000.

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**Other Considerations**

None.