

## BILL SUMMARY

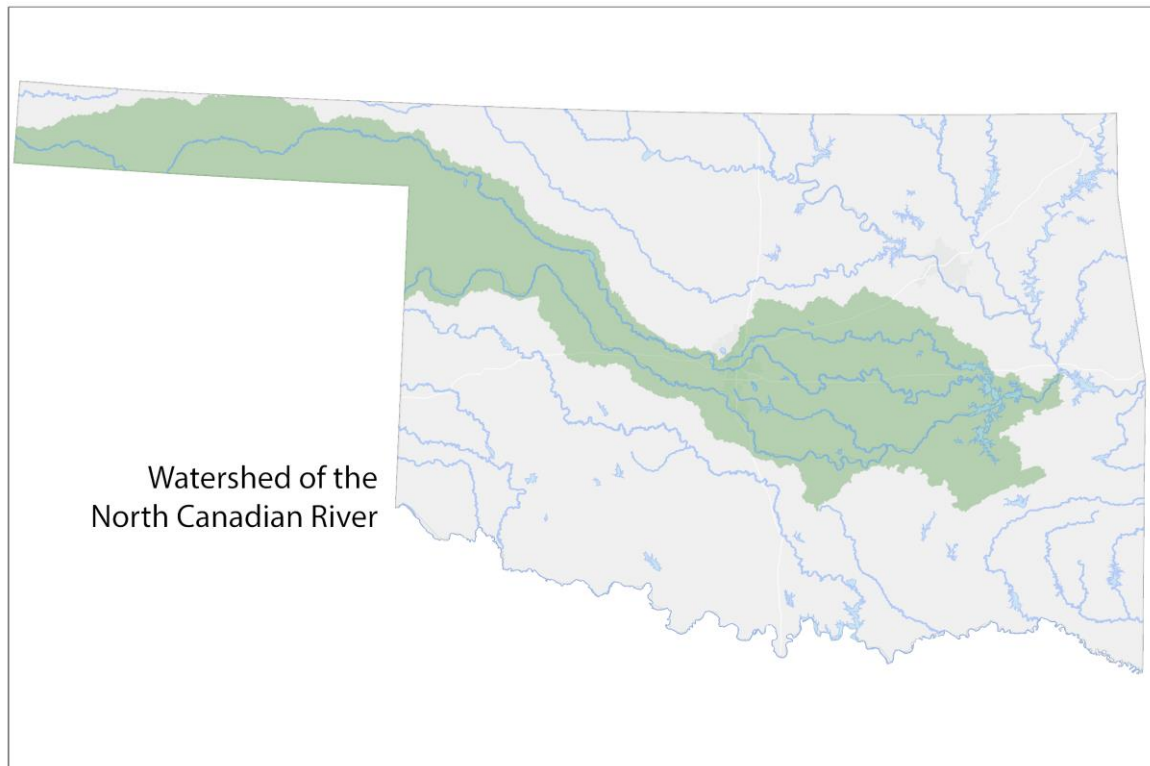
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB2239</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>Introduced</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>6529</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Dobrinski</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>

### Research Analysis

HB 2239, as introduced, creates the Terry Peach North Canadian Watershed Restoration Act which establishes a pilot program for eradicating invasive woody species in the North Canadian Watershed. The program will be administered by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. The Commission shall:

- Cooperate with landowners, state agencies, and other political subdivisions for removal of invasive woody species;
- Use funds to share costs with landowners for expenses incurred;
- Measure the density of invasive woody species and determine its water usage;
- Have at least two active project areas – one above Canton Lake Dam and one below; and
- Develop grant programs with conservation districts, rural fire departments, and prescribe burn associations.



Lastly, the measure repeals this section of law declaring the Department of Agriculture as the designated agency for controlling the plant species Tamarix:.

[Section 16-73 - Tamarix ssp - Research and Control](#)

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**Fiscal Analysis**

Under this measure, the Oklahoma Conservation Commission would perform parallel watershed tests around the North Canadian Watershed. There is a federal grant match for this program, that the Conservation Commission believes would help match the funds at 1:3 state to federal funds. Below is the estimated costs of the parallel tests and the differences in the match. The total expected costs to the Conservation Commission is six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00). The Conservation Commission would need appropriated dollars to cover the costs of the program. Therefore, there would be a fiscal impact to the state of \$600,000.00.

	Untreated Test Site	Treated Test Site
Acreage	5000	5000
Cost per Acre	N/A	\$300
Total Land Costs		\$1,500,000
Research Costs		\$100,000
Total		\$1,600,000
Federal Match		\$1,000,000
State Match		\$600,000

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**Other Considerations**

None.