

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB2305
Version:	CS
Request Number:	10608
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Impact:	Annual: \$100,000 One Time: \$6,000 minimum

Research Analysis

The CS for HB 2305 creates the Oklahoma PFAS Act, which authorizes the Department of Environmental Quality to regulate the disposal of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, known as *PFAS*, through the review of applications for receiving, storing, treating, or disposing of the waste. The measure provides liability protection for treatment costs in the case of a release to eight categories of passive receivers of PFAS waste, such as public water systems, public and private water treatment plants, municipal stormwater, landfills, and certain airports. Lastly, the measure prevents the import and disposal of PFAS waste from states where PFAS disposal is banned.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB2305 requires the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to create new rules around the storage and disposal of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). DEQ believes the applications for facilities to store or dispose of PFAS will be about 40. To handle the new workload, DEQ believes it will need to hire one additional full-time employee at \$100,000 for salary and benefits. This would be an ongoing position.

Additionally, as part of the rulemaking process will require some time by several senior staff members, including about 25% of 2 senior staff persons each, 5% of one manager, 5% of one chief engineer for a total of 60% of staff's time. To do so, some work may need to be assigned to other persons who may need to take on more hours. Additionally, DEQ believes the costs for a software update to handle the new reporting and billing required is about \$6,000 to make necessary upgrades. Therefore, the one-time costs associated with HB2305 is at least \$6,000.

Given the minimum amount of \$6,000 for one-time costs, and the ongoing staffing needs of \$100,000, the total impact to the state budget from this measure is a minimum of \$106,000. As DEQ is an appropriated agency, it would likely seek an additional appropriation of at least \$106,000 to cover the costs incurred by this measure. Therefore, the impact to the state is at least \$106,000.

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Other Considerations

None.

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