

BILL SUMMARY
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Impact:	See Analysis Below

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 3972 requires the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department (OTRD) to submit a report by December 31, 2024 and annually each year after that outlines the maintenance, infrastructure, and cost of needs of Oklahoma state parks. The annual report is to be known as the Eight-Year State Parks Emergency Maintenance Plan and is to be submitted to the Governor and legislative leadership. The report should include the following:

- All maintenance, infrastructure, and construction projects listed in order of priority;
- A cost estimate for each project;
- A completion timeline for each project; and
- A summary of the status of past and current projects that were funded by the State Parks Emergency Maintenance Fund.

Additionally, the measure creates the State Parks Emergency Maintenance Fund for the purpose of funding the Eight-Year State Park Emergency Maintenance Plan. This measure contains an emergency and will go into effect July 1, 2024.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB3972 creates a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation (OTRD), to create and implement an 8-Year Plan to perform deferred maintenance in the State Parks. The bill itself has no fiscal impact to the State budget. OTRD did ask for in its FY-2025 Budget Request up to Three Hundred and Fifty Million Dollars (\$350,000,000.00) to put towards deferred maintenance in the State Parks. Therefore, while this bill creates no fiscal impact, the fund created would likely hold the appropriations requests by OTRD if funded in the FY-2025 State Budget.

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Other Considerations

None.

