

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB3972
Version:	PCS1
Request Number:	9970
Author:	Rep. Echols
Date:	2/13/2024
Impact:	See Analysis Below

Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute to HB 3972 creates the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department State Park Emergency Maintenance Fund for the purpose of funding the Eight Year State Park Emergency Maintenance Plan. The Eight Year State Park Emergency Maintenance Plan is laid out beginning on page five of the bill. No more than 20 percent of the fund can be used to pay for operational purposes. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department is required to submit a report twice a year that identifies where the funds have been expended and the status of those projects. The report is to be sent to the Governor, legislative leadership, and the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission. This measure contains an emergency and will go into effect July 1, 2024.

Prepared By: Keana Swadley

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 it's 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.

Prepared By: Mariah Searock, House Fiscal Staff

Other Considerations

None.