

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB4097
Version:	CS
Request Number:	10418
Author:	Rep. Caldwell, Trey
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Impact:	Between \$2,722,188.00-\$4,051,548.00

Research Analysis

The CS for HB 4097:

- Modifies the definition of *local electric transmission facility* to remove the kilovolt cap for qualifying facilities;
- Allows local electric transmission facilities with a rating greater than 300 kilovolts and a need date within three years to construct, own, and maintain a facility that has been approved by the Southwest Power Pool; and
- Requires those with a need date greater than three years to solicit competitive bids for the construction of the additional facility, yet the incumbent maintains the right to own and maintain the facility.

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Fiscal Analysis

According to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (Corp. Comm.) there are several different cost factors that should be evaluated.

First, is the cost for rulemaking. As Corp. Comm. is a publicly elected commission, their rule making process takes place during official Commission meetings. The agency, Corp. Comm. believes the rule making process, along with some additional one-time expenditures for this measure would cost the agency \$53,000.

Second, Corp. Comm. believes there will be a need for consultants/expert witnesses to be hired for each case as is averaging the costs at \$125,000 per case. Corp. Comm. sees between 20 and 30 cases per year, the total cost for consultants/expert witnesses is between \$2,500,000.00 and \$3,750,000 per year.

Lastly, Corp. Comm. believes it may need to hire up to two additional staff to handle this program. Based on the staff that it may need to hire, the estimated salary and benefits are between \$84,954 and \$124,247. For two additional staffers, this could be between \$169,908 and \$248,548 total for the staff.

Given the above the total fiscal impact could be between \$2,722,908 and \$4,051,498. As Corp. Comm. is an appropriated agency, it would likely seek additional appropriations to cover the increased operational costs from this measure. Therefore, the fiscal impact to the state is between \$2,722,908 and \$4,051,548.

	Lower Estimate	Higher Estimate
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Administrative Rules	One Time	\$53,000.00	One Time	\$53,000.00
Consultant	\$125,000*20	\$2,500,000.00	\$125,000*30	\$3,750,000.00
Personal	2*\$84,594	\$169,188.00	2*\$124,247	\$248,548.00
Total		\$2,722,188.00		\$4,051,548.00

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Other Considerations

None.