

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB1450
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Impact:	AOC: Revenue positive
	DOC: Minimal
	OAG: \$1,640,000

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to SB 1450 relates to organized retail crime. The measure provides a definition of organized retail crime and establishes penalties for the crime based upon the value of the property stolen. If the value is less than \$15,000, the person is subject to up to 5 years in prison or up to 1 year in the county jail, a fine of up to \$1,000 or both fine and incarceration. If the value of the property exceeds \$15,000, the person is subject to up to 8 years in prison, a fine of up to \$1,000 or both fine and imprisonment. The measure lowers the felony threshold limit from \$1,000 to \$500 and also extends from 90 days to a one-year period in which the value of stolen property may be aggregated to determine the appropriate punishment. The measure also authorizes the Office of the Attorney General to employ persons to serve as Oklahoma Organized Retail Crime Task Force officers whose primary responsibility is to prevent, investigate and prosecute organized retail crime.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure modifies crimes and penalties related to organized retail theft. Depending on the offense, punishments range from up to 1 year in the county jail to 8 years in prison, a fine of up to \$1000, or both such fine and imprisonment. Convictions for these crimes have the potential to generate new fines and fees for the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), and create new imprisonments within the Department of Corrections at a marginal cost of \$16.60/day per inmate to be absorbed by existing budgetary resources.

SB1450 also directs the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to employ certain officers to serve as Oklahoma Organized Retail Crime Task Force officers to prevent, respond to, investigate, and prosecute criminal violations related to organized retail crime. Officials with the OAG estimate it would need to add 2 prosecutors, 5 law enforcement agents, and 2 analysts to implement the provisions of SB1450. The total estimated cost for the additional staff and the resources needed to outfit the law enforcement agents is \$1,640,000. The agency anticipates the full amount to be a recurring annual cost and would seek appropriations to defray these costs.

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Other Considerations

None.

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