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Bill Analysis

SB 1341 requires holders of water permits to remit the annual use of water report not later than January 31 of the year following the permitted use. The measure requires the report to contain usage data. The measure provides that nonuse, conservation, or usage practices that result in less usage than the permitted annual yield shall not result in diminishment of the permit holder's future permitted annual yield. The measure prohibits the placement of wells within 1,320 feet from any adjoining landowner's well unless approved by the Oklahoma Water Resource Board. The measure further requires all holders of a use permit to equip each well with a water well flow meter or an alternative measuring system. The meter or alternative measuring system shall have contemporary, verifiable records. The measure directs the Board to promulgate rules to establish a phase-in schedule and plan for the meter and measurement requirements. Such requirements shall be met within 8 years of the effective date. Additionally, the Board is directed to promulgate rules to audit and review groundwater use.

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