

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB1261
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Impact:	DPS costs: \$802,000
	DPS Revenue: +\$130,000
	OCC Revenue: -\$143,000

Research Analysis

The subcommittee substitute to HB 1261 creates the Wrecker Services Division within the Department of Public Safety and transfers all duties of the Transportation Division of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission relating to wrecker and towing services to the Wrecker Services Division. The measure creates the 9-member Oklahoma Wrecker and Towing Services Board which is directed to establish licensure and safety requirements for the towing industry, investigate complaints from consumers, and investigate complaints related to overcharging for nonconsensual towing, storage fees and violations of rules. The measure requires the Department of Public Safety to develop rotation logs that classify wrecker and towing services by the type of services and equipment they are capable of providing for nonconsensual tows and accident remediation. The measure removes towing rate schedules from statute. Wrecker companies are to provide detailed comprehensive lists for all prices for the services it provides. No other rates will be allowed apart from the prices provided to the Department. Wrecker or towing service companies shall post at their place of business a list of all prices for the standard services it performs or may perform. The measure provide procedure for complaints and for appeals.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB1261 creates the Wrecker Services Division to be administered by the Department of Public Safety (DPS). Officials with DPS have provided the following analysis:

One-time costs: -\$115,000

Technology change orders to accommodate HB1261: \$100,000
Equipment for 5 new FTEs: \$3,000/FTE (\$15,000 for new FTEs)

Annual recurring costs: -\$687,500

1 Division Director (new position) - \$150,000 (salary + benefits)
3 Investigators - \$71,500 (salary + benefits per FTE) (\$214,500/year for 3 FTEs)
1 Administrative Technician III (new position) - \$68,000 (salary + benefits)
2 Administrative Assistant I (new positions)- \$75,000 (salary & benefits per FTE) (\$150,000/year for 2 FTEs)
1 Attorney I (new position) - \$100K (salary + benefits)
Travel – Assuming 1 meeting quarter, mileage and expenses per year: \$5,000

Revenues:

Known: +\$130,000

Renewal Application Fees: \$125,000/year

Original Application Fees: \$5,000/year

Unknown revenue:

Annual Assessments: Unknown

Fines Assessed by the Board for violations pursuant to HB 1261: Unknown

Officials with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) have provided the following information:

HB1261 would remove \$143,000 of OCC annual collections of the wrecker assessment fee.

Therefore, in its current form, this measure creates a total cost to DPS of \$802,500 (\$115,000 in one-time costs, \$687,500 in annual recurring costs), a revenue increase to DPS of \$130,000 annually, and a revenue decrease to OCC of \$143,000 annually.

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Other Considerations

None.