

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB1588</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 1588, as introduced, creates the "Spring Creek Watershed Study Act," which states that it is in the interests of the citizens of the state and residents of the Spring Creek watershed that the Oklahoma Conservation Commission work in partnership with other agencies and nongovernmental organizations to undertake a comprehensive water quality study to determine the best course of action to protect and improve the health of the aquatic habitat. The findings of the study are intended to direct implementation of voluntary, incentive-based conservation practices. The measure requires the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to undertake a comprehensive watershed-based water quality plan. The Commission must publish an electronic report of the findings by June 1, 2026. The Commission is authorized to contract and cooperate with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to conduct activities. The Commission may apply for and accept grants, gifts, or other sources of public and private funds. The measure also creates the Spring Creek Watershed Study Cash Fund Revolving Fund.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 1588 authorizes the Conservation Commission to conduct the Spring Creek Watershed Study and provide a report of their findings. The Conservation Commission estimates that the cost to conduct the study would be Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), but the agency is not requesting any additional appropriations to cover this cost. Therefore, this measure has no direct fiscal impact on state appropriations.

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**Other Considerations**

None.