BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute for HB 1728 creates the "Salt Cedar Eradication Act," which creates a program to control and eradicate invasive salt cedar species within the Upper Red River Basin. The program will be administered by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission in collaboration with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission will establish guidelines for participation, is authorized to promulgate any rules and procedures, and must submit an annual report. The measure creates a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to be designated the "Salt Cedar Eradication Revolving Fund."

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Fiscal Analysis

The proposed committee substitute to HB 1728 creates a new program within the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to eradicate the salt cedar species in Oklahoma counties within the Upper Red River Basin. Per the Conservation Commission, the estimated cost to eradicate these species would range from Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per acre. This measure also creates a revolving fund for the program but does not appropriate any dollars to the fund; therefore, this measure has no direct fiscal considerations for the state.

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Other Considerations

None.

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