

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 60th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB1807
Version:	CS
Request Number:	13083
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Impact:	Recurring Costs- \$125,000 One-Time Costs- Up to \$200,000

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 1807 requires groundwater permit holders to equip wells with a system for measuring use that is approved by the Water Resources Board. The measure also allows the Board to provide a five-year flex allocation. The flex allocation amount for existing permit holders will be based on the maximum annual yield at the time of original application. The allocated amount for new permit applicants will be based upon the current maximum annual yield. Any five-year permit holder can exceed their annual allocation, but must adhere to the cumulative allocation over the five-year period. They may not exceed their permitted amount by over 200 percent in any of the five years.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 1807 authorizes the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to require a groundwater measuring system at all water wells that use permitted groundwater as well as allows the OWRB to approve five-year flex allocation of groundwater usage. Per the OWRB, this measure would require an additional one (1) FTE for program accounting and oversight at a recurring fiscal impact of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000). The agency has estimated the need to utilize an IT contractor to develop, update, and ensure cross-compatibility between programs related to the provisions of this measure, with an approximate range of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) in one-time costs. In total, this measure has up to a Three Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollar (\$325,000) impact to FY-26 state budgetary resources.

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Other Considerations

None.