

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 60th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB2157
Version:	FA1
Request Number:	13336
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Date:	3/18/2025
Impact:	Minimal

Research Analysis

The Floor Substitute for HB 2157 creates the 17-member Agrivoltaics Advisory Committee which is charged with assisting The Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST) in finding compatibility between renewable energy projects and the agricultural industry. The Committee, in consultation with OCAST, is required to compile a report that includes:

- A list of tools and government initiatives used to site renewable energy projects in a way that is supportive of farming and ranching;
- A list of supportive policy ideas; and
- Recommendations for areas of research.

Lastly, the measure creates a revolving fund for OCAST to carry out the provisions of the act.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN INTRODUCED VERSION AND FLOOR SUBSTITUTE:

Introduced version requires the Advisory Committee to work with the Corporation Commission. The Floor Sub requires it to work with the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology. The Floor Sub also modifies the committee appointments, requiring one person to be from OCAST.

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Fiscal Analysis

The floor amendment to HB 2157 creates the Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Advisory Committee and requires the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST) to submit a report to the Legislature regarding policy and research around agrivoltaics and renewable energy. The measure also creates the Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Cash Revolving Fund for OCAST to administer the provisions of this measure from, but this measure appropriates no monies to the revolving fund. OCAST estimates the fiscal impact of this measure to be minimal, and has provided the following cost breakdown:

Item	Amount	Description	Cost per unit	Description	Total
Quarterly Meeting Administration (4 meetings year @ 10 hrs. per meeting)	40	hours per year	\$ 38.46	wages and benefits	\$ 1,538.40
Misc. Meeting Costs (printing charges)	4	meetings annually	\$ 100.00	printing and costs	\$ 400.00
Mileage Expenses*	250	miles	\$ 0.70		\$ 175.00

Previous Impact Statement:

HB 2157 creates the Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Advisory Committee and requires the Oklahoma Corporation Commission to submit a report to the Legislature regarding policy and research around agrivoltaics and renewable energy. The Corporation Commission anticipates the need for additional staff and outside consulting to prepare the report, for a estimated total fiscal impact of Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000).

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Other Considerations

None.