Senate Fiscal Summary

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Senate Bill 131

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Agency: Oklahoma Corporation Commission; Dept. of Environmental Quality

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House Author:

FY'26 Impact:

\$0

Full Year Impact: \$2,500,000 once a utility elects to retire its facilities

Bill Summary and Fiscal Analysis:

SB 131 requires coal-fired electric utilities electing to retire its facilities to submit notice to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission of the closure and disclose any preliminary plans regarding the replacement of the facility. Entities seeking to construct a nuclear facility must submit an application to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

It is unlikely the following fiscal impacts would go into effect in FY'26 – they are estimated fiscal impacts for when a coal-fired electric utilities elects to retire facilities and replace it with an advanced nuclear reactor, which may take several years.

The Corporation Commission estimates a fiscal impact of approximately \$125,000 for 1 FTE with background in nuclear energy, \$250,000 for the hiring of an outside consultant in nuclear energy, \$65,000 for additional legal hours, and \$2,000 for computer and office supplies – a total of \$400,000 in recurring annual costs and one-time \$45,000 to promulgate rulemaking.

The DEQ estimates a one-time cost of \$2,400,000 and a recurring annual cost of \$2,100,000 for rule development (2 FTE), grants to counties, training of around 1,000 local responders and key staff, environmental monitoring (3 FTE), and the establishment and updating of emergency planning zones.

Fiscal impact provided by the Corporation Commission, DEO and Senate staff.