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Bill Analysis

SB 753 creates the Oklahoma Invasive Woody Species Stewardship for State-Leased Lands Act. The measure requires lessees that are entering into a new lease or renewing their contract with the state to remove no less than 85% of invasive woody species on the leased property within 4 years as well as submit a management plan to the Oklahoma Conservation Commission and the Commissioners of the Land Office outlining the strategy the lessee intends to employ for the removal and ongoing maintenance of invasive woody species within 90 days. The measure provides that lessees shall be required to remove 25% in the first year, 45% in the second year, and 65% in the third year. Lease rates may be reduced to pay for the documented costs incurred. The measure directs the Office in coordination with the Commission to provide lessees with a description of the property and conduct annual inspections of leased lands. If a violation is found, the Commission shall notify the lessee, who shall correct the violation within 90 days. If the violation is not corrected, the lease shall be terminated. The measure prohibits the allocation of state resources to eradicate invasive species beyond inspection. The measure directs the Office to provide an appraisal for all improvements associated with the management plan.

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