

Senate Fiscal Summary
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Senate Bill 133

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Agency:	Oklahoma Water Resources Board
Senate Author:	Burns
House Author:	
FY'26 Impact:	\$172,000,000
Full Year Impact:	\$172,000,000

**Bill Summary and
Fiscal Analysis:**

SB 133 establishes a moratorium on the issuance of any permit for groundwater use for any purpose other than domestic until the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) completes a hydrological study and approves a maximum annual yield for a particular basin that will ensure that any permit for the removal of water from the basin will not reduce the natural flow of water from springs or streams emanating from the basin.

The OWRB states that the proposal would require approximately 3,000 existing permits from unstudied basins be re-permitted, including processing fees and administrative notification and hearings. To process this volume of permits, the OWRB would need to hire a significant number of staff at an approximate cost of \$12,000,000. Of the 36 major groundwater basins in this state, 18 have been studied and only one has been studied to the level required in the proposal. The Board estimates a total average cost of approximately \$160,000,000 to study the other 35 basins, averaging at \$4,500,000 per new study.

Fiscal impact provided by the OWRB.