

BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.:	HB 2680
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Impact:	DPS: loss of federal grant (including some FTE), civil assessment revenue and vehicles Tax Commission: revenue loss of \$550,000 Corp. Comm.: Neutral impact

Research Analysis

HB 2680 consolidates enforcement of rules and laws relating to motor carriers, commercial vehicles and drivers of commercial vehicles within the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol section dedicated to commercial vehicle inspection would remain with the Highway Patrol, but port of entry officers and equipment would transfer to the Corporation Commission. The measure sets out a detailed plan for transitioning responsibilities from the Department of Public Safety to the Corporation Commission. The bill changes allocation of proceeds from permit fees. Finally, HB 2680 updates language reflecting the transfer of responsibility.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2680, which transfers responsibilities from DPS to the Corporation Commission, upon review by DPS, is determined to result in a loss of a federal grant (partially used for payroll) as well as revenue from civil assessments and a loss of vehicles. They have provided the following breakdown of losses:

MCSAP grant: \$5,865,000
Excess payroll not eligible under the MCSAP grant: \$2,000,000
Civil Assessment revenue: \$2,500,000
Vehicle replacement: \$3,600,000

Upon review by House Fiscal Staff, it is of the opinion that because responsibilities are being transferred from DPS to the Corporation Commission, the loss to the agency will be less severe: as the reduction in responsibilities will not require the Department to possess the entirety of the resources listed above.

On page 44 of the measure, language is stricken which provides the Tax Commission \$550,000 which is apportioned. Estimated losses are as follows:*

School Districts (36.2%)	199,100
General Revenue Fund (24.84%)	136,620
Counties (14.28%)	78,540
Cities and Towns (3.10%)	17,050

OLERS (1.24%)	6,820
CIRB (20.0%)	110,000
Other	1,870

*These are approximations as there are caps and other provisions that might alter this total.

The Corporation Commission has provided the following:

Since the Corporation Commission officers' salaries/benefits are less than that of a DPS trooper performing those same duties/responsibilities; this bill would provide overall cost savings to the State, while decreasing the current need to recruit and train additional troopers.

- Funding for the OCC to perform the duties and responsibilities can be achieved through:
 1. Funding provided in Section 11 of the bill;
 2. Civil assessments collected as a result of Section 20 of the bill;
 3. Retaining funds previously disbursed to the DPS (Section 25 of the bill); and,
 4. Reimbursement costs as allowed by the federal Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) grant.
- Duties performed under the provisions of this bill will be performed by:
 1. Existing Port of Entry Inspectors, being transferred to the OCC, and,
 2. By certain existing officers currently employed by the OCC.

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Other Considerations

None.