BILL SUMMARY

1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.: HB 2680
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Impact: Corp. Comm.: Neutral impact to the agency

Research Analysis

The Proposed Committee Substitute for 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

After analysis, the measure as written, is expected to have a neutral impact to the Corporation Commission. They have 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.

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