

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 702
Version:	ENGR
Request Number:	NA
Author:	Speaker McCall
Date:	4/8/2019
Impact:	OWRB: Conservatively \$28,000

**DOM: (1) FTE, fiscal impact of \$90,000
plus costs for water sampling
approximately \$2,500 annually.**

**DEQ: The direct fiscal
impact is minimal.
However, the fiscal impact
cannot be estimated for the
required coordination to
implement the project.**

Research Analysis

SB 702 establishes a moratorium mine discharge permits into streams that are fed or supported by sensitive sole source groundwater basins or subbasins. The measure lays out conditions for the termination of the moratorium, including a coordinated effort between the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Mines, East Central University, and federal and tribal governmental agencies to study sensitive sole source aquifers and develop administrative rules that implement study findings and facilitate interagency coordination.

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Fiscal Analysis

The OWRB does expect to commit significant staff time to the development and promulgation of the rulemaking identified in subsection (C)(2). This effort will likely take place after the completion of the multi-year study and development of modeling tools. Based on previous promulgation of rules associated with the Arbuckle Simpson groundwater basin, the OWRB expects to expend additional staff hours equivalent to approximately \$28,000 based on current salary costs for multiple stakeholder meetings, public hearings and general meetings.

The Department of Mines anticipates to adequately interact with the other agencies and parties affected, the technical requirements of monitoring and enforcing may require the employment of a hydrologist or engineering FTE. The agency estimates approximately \$80,000 for salary and benefits and an estimated \$10,000 for equipment such as computer, office furniture, smartphone which should be included. Water sampling costs may be incurred and a conservative estimate could be \$2,500 per year.

After analysis, the measure as written has a minimal direct fiscal impact to the Department of Environmental Quality. However, per the agency, the requirements in the measure relating to coordination, consultation and rulemaking is anticipated to require significant amounts of staff time, and, they cannot reasonably offer the impact for this.

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Other Considerations

None.

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