

BILL SUMMARY
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Impact:	See analysis below

Research Analysis

HB1117, as introduced, prohibits state parks from charging admission or parking fees to anyone who lives in the same county as the park. Fees collected from nonresidents shall benefit the park where the admission fee was collected.

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Fiscal Analysis

According to officials at the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation, the full fiscal impact of HB 1117 is unknown for several reasons including that the program has only been in place for 8 months and that the vendor does not currently have a way to track the county of residence of a license plate. Officials at the Department gave a list of 6 state parks that are currently using the Parking Pass program and what losing all in state revenue would do to funding for those parks as a reference for possible losses.

Park	County	FY21 Revenue	% In State Visitation	Potential Revenue Loss
Honey Creek State Park	Delaware	\$2,820	21.5%	\$606
Lake Murray State Park	Carter	\$81,880	60.8%	\$49,783
Natural Falls State Park	Delaware	\$91,467	35.9%	\$32,837
Osage Hills State Park	Osage	\$17,195	62.3%	\$10,712
Robbers Cave State Park	Latimer	\$36,720	61.2%	\$22,472
Twin Bridges State Park	Ottawa	\$8,242	20.8%	\$1,714
Total		\$238,324		\$118,125

As funds from the Parking Pass program are to be used for capital improvements in the park the funds originated from, removing that revenue stream would likely have an equal impact on the State's budget and appropriations as the Department would need more appropriated funds in order to perform capital maintenance and improvement.

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Other Considerations

None.

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