

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB3198
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Impact:	CLO: \$12.5m over 5 years

Research Analysis

The CS for HB 3198 defines *harmful woody species* and requires the Commissioners of the Land Office to consult with the Oklahoma Conservation Commission and the OSU Division of Agricultural Sciences to develop a five-year action plan to eradicate harmful woody species from land owned or leased by CLO.

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Fiscal Analysis

According to the Commissioners of the Land Office (CLO), the total costs to remove the harmful woody species (species) would be \$12,500,000.00 over 5 years. This is because CLO owns about 550,000 agriculture land, and believes about 20% of the land is affected by the species, for a total of 110,000 affected acres. CLO would prefer to burn the species and estimates the cost to burn per acre is about \$100.00. This would create an estimate cost to just burn of \$11,000,000.00. CLO also estimates the annual costs for FTEs to do the controlled burns is \$300,000 a year. To remove the species over 5 years, plus the administrative costs, are believed to be \$2,500,000.00 per year. Therefore, this fiscal cost to the state would be \$2,500,000.00 per year for 5 years.

Estimated Acreage by CLO	550,000 acres
20% affected land	0.2
Total Affected Acreage	=550,000*.2 = 110,000 acres
Est. Costs to Burn/acre	\$100
Total Project Cost	= 110,000 acres * \$100 = \$11,000,000
Project Cost over 5 years	=\$11,000,000/5 = \$2,200,000
Annual Est. Cost for FTE	\$300,000
Annual Cost	\$2,500,000.00

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Other Considerations

None.

