

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB1341</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Please see previous summary of this measure</b>

**Research Analysis**

SB1341 modifies processes related to groundwater metering. The measure:

Requires all groundwater permit holders to equip all water wells with a flow meter or an alternative measuring system that has verifiable records;

Requires the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to establish a phase-in schedule for requiring all permit holders to have a meter within 8 years;

Requires that after an aquifer has undergone three years of metering, the OWRB must review the data and determine if revisions in permitting are necessary, or if a moratorium is necessary;

Authorizes the OWRB to impose fines and penalties for overuse and to perform audits and spot checks on permit holders;

Specifies when a groundwater permit holder must submit their usage reports and requires them to include data from a water meter. Willful failure to report usage will result in penalties or fines;

Clarifies that any permit holder using less water than their permit allows will not have their allowance reduced;

Creates a new process for filing complaints about groundwater waste; and

Requires the OWRB to promulgate rules for auditing groundwater use reports, modernizing its data collection, investigating claims of waste, and imposing fines for over use.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

