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Bill Analysis

SB 80 requires the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority to give notice to all affected property owners prior to the proposal of any new turnpike or modification to an existing turnpike. The measure also directs the Authority to open the proposal to a 30-day public comment period for all interested persons as well as schedule a hearing on any proposed turnpike or modification of an existing turnpike within 30 days of closing the public comment period. The Turnpike Authority shall also consider the effect of any new turnpike or modification to an existing turnpike on businesses, governments, and consumers. A map of the proposal shall also be submitted by the Authority to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and Governor. The measure provides that any affected person or entity of the proposal shall have standing to bring civil action if the Authority fails to comply with the provisions of this measure. If the affected entity prevails, they shall be entitled to court costs and reasonable attorney fees. If the action is deemed frivolous and the Authority prevails, it shall be entitled to reasonable attorney fees.

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