BILL SUMMARY

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Impact: Unknown revenue decrease

Research Analysis

The proposed subcommittee substitute for HB1092 creates the Oklahoma Trade School Tuition Tax Credit beginning tax year 2026. The measure allows a taxpayer to claim a tax credit equal to \$7500 or the amount of costs incurred for tuition and fees, whichever is less, upon receiving a certification from a qualified trade or vocational school in Oklahoma. The credit may only be claimed once and must be done within three years of receiving the certification.

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Fiscal Analysis

In its current form, HB 1092 creates an income tax credit for taxpayers who complete a certification program at a qualified trade or vocational school in Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Tax Commission has provided the following analysis:

ESTIMATED REVENUE IMPACT:

FY26: Unknown decrease in income tax collections. FY27: Unknown decrease in income tax collections.

ANALYSIS: House Bill 1092 proposes a non-refundable income tax credit of \$7,500 beginning in tax year 2026, for taxpayers who complete a certification program at a qualified trade or vocational school in Oklahoma, in fields like HVAC, plumbing, automotive mechanics, electrical work, carpentry, welding, and construction. The credit must be claimed within 3 years of certification.

While exact graduate data is unavailable, it's estimated that 4,690 new jobs will be created in the tax year 2026 in these fields due to demand and workforce attrition.\(^1\) However, it is unknown whether these positions will be filled by a taxpayer eligible for the credit. Many skilled trade workers gain experience through apprenticeships, which don't require formal school enrollment. Additionally, some workers already have the experience needed to qualify for jobs without certification.

It is unknown how many of these jobs will be filled by qualified individuals who claim the tax credit; therefore, an estimate of the revenue loss is unknown. Changes in withholding or estimated tax payments are expected, resulting in an unknown decrease in income tax revenue is expected as early as FY26.

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Other Considerations

None.
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