

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB2456
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Impact:	No Impact

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 2456 renews the 5 percent technology reinvestment assessment collected by the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC) and makes it permanent. Current law allows 5 percent of employer-paid unemployment taxes to be diverted to the OSEC Technology Fund to pay for up to \$39 million in technology infrastructure upgrades at the agency. The 5 percent apportionment to the fund ended December 31, 2022. The measure would eliminate the \$39 million cap on expenditures, allow OESC to continue the assessment, and allow OESC to accrue up to \$25 million in the fund each year, provided the \$25 million cap can also increase by up to 3 percent each year. Any excess funds collected over the cap will be transferred to the Unemployment Compensation Fund.

The measure doubles the fee for failing to properly file contribution and wage reports from \$100 to \$200 and allows the fee to be automatically adjusted for inflation.

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Fiscal Analysis

In its current form, HB2456 apportions 5% of unemployment insurance tax dollars into the UI trust fund to build a tech fund, and doubles the fee for failing to properly file contribution and wage reports from \$100 to \$200. Officials from the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission expect no appreciable budget impact from the rate shift. There are no other considerations to the state budget.

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Other Considerations

None.