## **Bill Summary**

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## **Bill Analysis**

HB 3462 creates the Chronic Wasting Disease Genetic Improvement Act. The measure directs the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to establish a pilot program to enhance the genetic durability of Oklahoma deer against chronic wasting disease no later than November 1, 2024. The program shall require the Department of Wildlife Conservation to collect DNA samples to establish a baseline of average genetic codon markers and genomic breeding values. Participation in the program shall be limited to native white-tailed deer, born and raised in Oklahoma with genetic resistance breeding. Bred deer may be released in 2026, during the months of February and March and through the 15th of April. The Department of Wildlife Conservation may charge a one-time permit fee for citizens purchasing deer. The fee shall not exceed \$500.00.

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