

**Bill Summary**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1403</b>
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**Committee Substitute (CS)**

The CS for HB 1403 authorizes the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to determine the mean instream flow for each treasured stream, accurately account for the amount of water available for future permitting from each treasured stream by an amount equal to its respective instream flow determination, adjust instream flows, and allow those holding a permit to voluntarily reallocate permits. The OWRB may also conduct studies to determine various factors related to instream flow data.

The CS establishes two treasure stream committees for the Northeastern and Southeastern sections of the state. The committees will provide for the completion of instream flow determinations, identify what metrics are to be measured, and determine biological assessments made by each instream flow. The measure provides for the compositions of subcommittees that are also assessing duties related to instream flow determinations. The measure defines “treasured stream” as a stream that is a habitat for endangered species found in Oklahoma rivers east of I-35, designated as a scenic river, or designated by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

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