

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3740

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to transportation; requiring Department of Transportation implement certain third-party monitoring system; requiring collection, analysis, and report on public comments; requiring Department make certain assurances; requiring certain adherence to ethical standards and guidelines; making certain limit on comments per individual; defining term; authorizing the promulgation of certain rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4019.1 of Title 69, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Whenever the Department of Transportation proposes a project that requires a public notice and comment period, the Department shall implement a system for the third-party monitoring of public comments received on such projects. The third-party monitor shall regularly collect, analyze, and report on public comments submitted

1 for proposed projects. The Department shall take reasonable steps
2 to ensure that the third-party monitoring process complies with
3 applicable data protection and privacy laws. The third-party
4 monitor shall adhere to ethical standards and guidelines in the
5 collection, analysis, and reporting of public comments. In addition
6 to other safeguards in the process, the third-party monitor shall
7 ensure that comments are limited to one per interested individual.
8 As used in this section, the term "third-party monitor" shall mean
9 an independent entity or organization contracted to monitor and
10 analyze public comments related to Department projects. The
11 Department is authorized to promulgate rules necessary to effectuate
12 the provisions of this section.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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