

ENGROSSED SENATE  
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RESOLUTION NO. 8

By: Muegge of the Senate

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A Joint Resolution creating The Pollution Prevention Task Force; stating membership of task force, stating purpose; authorizing President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives to appoint members and co-chairmen of the task force by certain date; providing for staffing; authorizing travel reimbursement; authorizing task force to study certain issues and make appropriate recommendations; requiring report to Governor and Legislature by certain date annually.

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the State of Oklahoma to provide clean air, water and soil for its citizens and properly manage our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, pollution prevention is an activity that begins prior to the creation of a waste and will help reduce the escalating costs of waste disposal and pollution cleanup; and

WHEREAS, toxics use reduction activities lower the amount of toxic pollutants, hazardous substances and hazardous wastes discharged into our environment; and

WHEREAS, recycling not only avoids the problems associated with waste disposal, but also saves the use of our valuable natural resources including energy; and

WHEREAS, pollution prevention, toxics use reduction, and recycling programs will protect the quality of our environment and

may range from simple methods and techniques to advanced technologies; and

WHEREAS, pollution prevention holds the promise of substantially reducing toxic chemicals in our environment and will link these efforts with environmentally sustainable manufacturing and economic development in the State of Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. A legislative task force named The Pollution Prevention Task Force and comprised of legislative members, representatives of various environmental interest groups, environmental professionals, and industries subject to environmental regulation shall be appointed to study and determine how the state should promote toxics use reduction, pollution prevention and recycling activities.

The task force shall consist of three members of the Oklahoma State Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, three members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and ten members, five each to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall represent environmental interest groups, environmental professionals, and industries subject to environmental regulation. All members of the task force shall be appointed by July 1, 1993.

SECTION 2. From the legislative members appointed to the task force, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint co-chairmen of the task force, no later than July 1, 1993. Staffing for the task force shall be provided by legislative staff and representatives from the Department of Environmental Quality, whose duties are applicable to the purpose of the task force.

SECTION 3. The members of the task force shall be eligible to be paid, by their appointing authority, appropriate and necessary expenses for attending official meetings by their appointing authority, in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 4. The task force shall review existing state statutes dealing with environmental regulation and make such recommendations to the Legislature as it deems appropriate. The study shall include, but not be limited to toxicity reduction, pollution prevention activities, impediments to recycling, composting, technical assistance and tax incentives.

SECTION 5. The task force shall make an initial report to the Governor and the Legislature of its findings and recommendations by January 1, 1994, and annually thereafter.

Passed the Senate the 9th day of March, 1993.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1993.

Speaker of the House of Representatives