

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1016

By: Begley of the House

and

Williams (Don) of the
Senate

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A Concurrent Resolution relating to national rules for solid waste landfills; requesting the Environmental Protection Agency to extend certain implementation date of new landfill rules; requesting certain state agencies to pursue flexibility; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has promulgated national rules for solid waste landfills which take effect October 9, 1993; and

WHEREAS, these rules attempt to provide environmental protection through an expensive combination of technology and financial assurance; and

WHEREAS, for most existing Oklahoma landfills there are no data that indicate current environmental problems; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the federal rules will dramatically increase waste disposal costs to all Oklahoma citizens, especially those living in small towns and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the federal rules will result in the premature closure of over half of Oklahoma's existing landfills; and

WHEREAS, the federal rules were developed with the intent that the state provide the regulatory implementation, and there appears

to be some options for flexibility if the state chooses to implement the rules.

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

THAT the House of Representatives and the Senate call upon the Environmental Protection Agency to extend the implementation date of the new landfill rules to give more time for Oklahoma communities, and particularly our extensive rural areas, to plan for the necessary regional cooperation and finance the transition to the new technologies required by the federal rules.

THAT the Legislature urges the OSDH-EHS and its successor DEQ to pursue EPA's approval for state implementation of the rules and to seek every opportunity for state flexibility under those rules.

THAT copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the Secretary of Environment, the Governor of this state, the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Environmental Quality Board.

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