

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1068

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution relating to mandates enacted by the United States Congress; stating action of Congress with respect to requirements imposed upon states; recognizing economic and fiscal difficulty caused by unfunded federal mandates; stating need for Congressional awareness of problems created by unfunded federal mandates; requesting Congress consider the impact of federal mandates upon state fiscal resources; requesting Congress refrain from adverse action; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress enacts legislation which requires all states to expend public funds to comply with the requirements of federal law; and

WHEREAS, economic conditions and federal fiscal policy have created extreme difficulty for states in complying with the mandates enacted by the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, compliance with such federal mandates makes it increasingly difficult for states to respond to locally generated demands upon scarce public resources; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress should be made aware of the impact which unfunded federal mandates have upon the State of Oklahoma and its ability to deliver essential governmental services to its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the United States Congress should more carefully consider the fiscal impact of enacted federal law and policy upon the fiscal integrity of all states, including the State of Oklahoma.

THAT consideration for a true federal system ought to require that the federal government refrain from action which adversely impacts the powers and sovereign functions of all states through the enactment of mandatory provisions having a direct and significant cost to all states, including the State of Oklahoma.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the United States House of Representatives from the State of Oklahoma and the United States Senators from the State of Oklahoma.

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