

SHORT TITLE: A concurrent resolution clarifying legislative intent regarding the Committee on Purchases of Products and Services of the Severely Handicapped.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 44th Legislature (1993)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 19

By: Brown of the Senate

and

Boyd (Betty) of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution relating to the Committee on Purchases of Products and Services of the Severely Handicapped; clarifying legislative intent and purpose; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Committee on Purchases of Products and Services of the Severely Handicapped, formerly known as the Committee on Purchases of Blind-made Products and Services, was created by the Legislature to promote and provide employment for persons with disabilities through the sales of products and services to the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, for the last 20 years the activities of the Committee have resulted in employment opportunities for many persons with disabilities who would not otherwise have had an opportunity to become gainfully employed; and

WHEREAS, a recent interpretation of Section 3004 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes by the Department of Central Services provides that the packaging of products by severely handicapped persons is not eligible for inclusion on the list of products or services that are suitable for procurement by the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, this interpretation by the Department of Central Services will result in the loss of employment for many persons with disabilities and will further limit the resources of sheltered workshops which exist to provide employment for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the continued availability of a variety, as well as sufficient number, of employment opportunities for persons with disabilities, the Legislature wishes to clarify the intent and purpose of Section 3004 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature hereby clarifies the intent and purpose of Section 3004 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes as being to extend to physically disabled individuals any and all possible opportunities for meaningful employment through the procurement of products or services by the State of Oklahoma or any of its agencies, which shall include the packaging of products by any severely handicapped persons or qualified nonprofit agencies for the severely handicapped.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Director of the Department of Central Services and to the Committee on Purchases of Products and Services of the Severely Handicapped.

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