

SHORT TITLE: Concurrent resolution creating task force to study health effects of pesticide and herbicide spraying; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 44th Legislature (1993)

SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2

By: Herbert

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution creating a legislative task force to study the effects of herbicide and pesticide spraying on human health; stating membership of task force; authorizing travel reimbursement; and requiring report by certain date.

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Oklahoma State Legislature to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Oklahoma are becoming more aware and increasingly concerned about our environment and the possible ill effects created by our modern society's use of chemicals and toxic substances; and

WHEREAS, some ingredients contained in chemical herbicides and pesticides have been withdrawn from the market in recent years due to their dangerous effects on human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of rural residents have complaints regarding the damage caused by aerial oversprays from herbicide and pesticide application, which have resulted in property damage and ill health effects; and

WHEREAS, many urban and rural residents have made complaints concerning the spraying of herbicides and pesticides on roadways, rights of way and utility easements near their homes, schools and workplaces; and

WHEREAS, more and more Oklahoma citizens are becoming chemically sensitive to these types of chemicals used in their proximity, which have resulted in traumatic health effects.

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

THAT a legislative task force be created to study the effects of herbicide and pesticide spraying on human health.

THAT such task force will consist of three members of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, three members of the 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, agriculture industry, chemical industry, municipal and county government. All task force members shall be appointed by July 1, 1993. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each name from the legislative members, one member to serve as co-chairman of the task force. Staffing for the task force shall be provided by legislative staff with cooperation from any state agency with responsibilities in this area.

THAT all members of the task force shall be eligible to receive from their appointing authority actual and necessary travel expenses pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for attending official meetings of the task force.

THAT on or before January 1, 1994, the task force shall present a report of their findings, including any legislative recommendations such task force deems necessary, to the Governor and the Legislature.

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