

ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1105

By: Maddux, Beutler, Bonny,
Langmacher, Pope (Clay)
and Reese of the House

and

Kerr of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution relating to a Weather Modification Advisory Committee; making certain findings; providing for membership of Advisory Committee; providing for functions of Advisory Committee; providing for organization and meetings; and providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma has experienced a severe shortage of rainfall;
and

WHEREAS, the lack of moisture has greatly increased the risk of fire posing a threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature has appropriated funds from the Constitutional Reserve Fund in order for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to implement a weather modification program; and

WHEREAS, many entities are directly affected by the current drought and the possible effects of a weather modification program and should be able to provide information to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

SECTION 1. A. There is hereby created the Weather Modification Advisory Committee. The Committee shall be composed of eleven (11) members to be appointed by the chief administrative officer, or by a

designee of the chief administrative officer, from each of the following entities:

1. The State Department of Agriculture;
2. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission;
3. The Oklahoma Farm Bureau;
4. The Oklahoma Farmers Union;
5. The Department of Tourism and Recreation;
6. The Oklahoma Rural Water Association;
7. The Oklahoma Municipal League;
8. The Oklahoma Climatological Survey;
9. The Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma;
10. The Oklahoma Department of Civil Emergency Management; and
11. The Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association.

B. At least two (2) members of the Weather Modification Advisory Committee must come from each quadrant of the state divided by I-40 and I-35.

C. The Advisory Committee shall provide input and assistance to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board for purposes of the implementation of the weather modification program for which funds are provided by Enrolled House Bill No. 2824 of the 2nd Session of the 45th Oklahoma Legislature.

D. The Advisory Committee shall recommend areas of the State of Oklahoma to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board which should receive priority for consideration in the weather modification program and shall also recommend areas of the State of Oklahoma which should be considered for exclusion from weather modification activity.

E. The Advisory Committee shall be organized as soon as practical after passage of this measure. The members of the Advisory Committee shall select a chairman from among their membership. The Advisory Committee shall be authorized to meet from time to time as may be required in order to provide input and assistance to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

F. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall develop a long-range plan regarding weather modification programs for the benefit of areas located within the State of Oklahoma. The long-range plan shall be submitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and to the Governor not later than January 31, 1997.

SECTION 2. Copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall make copies of this resolution available to each of the entities specified in subsection A of Section 1 of this resolution.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 30th day of May, 1996.

of _____ Speaker _____ of the House
Representative
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Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1996.

Senate _____ President _____ of the