

ENROLLED HOUSE  
CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1113

By: Boyd (Betty) and Glover  
of the House

and

Williams (Penny) of the  
Senate

A Concurrent Resolution creating the Task Force on Prevention of Genetic Discrimination; providing for membership of Task Force; providing for chair and vice-chair; providing for travel reimbursement; providing for staffing; and stating duties of the Task Force.

WHEREAS, scientific knowledge of human genetics is expanding rapidly, principally under the auspices of the international human genome project; and

WHEREAS, scientists have already identified approximately 4,000 known single-gene disorders, for which there are currently approximately 100 genetic screening tests; and

WHEREAS, genetic testing and therapy is the new frontier in medical practice and offers great hope for effective and cost beneficial therapy for many deadly and debilitating diseases of the human body that current medical practice is unable to cure or can only cure at great expense and pain and suffering to the patient; and

WHEREAS, states have found that their statutes are deficient in addressing significant issues arising from genetic research, particularly regarding insurance and employment practices that can potentially discriminate against the asymptotomatically ill; and

WHEREAS, numerous states have already enacted laws to prevent genetic discrimination and many others, including Oklahoma, have considered such legislation.

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 "Task Force on Prevention of Genetic Discrimination".

B. The Task Force shall consist of ten (10) members. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members of the House of Representatives and one member with expertise in medical ethics or legal issues relating to human genetics. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint four members of the State Senate and one member who shall be a chief executive officer of a life or health insurance company licensed to write insurance in Oklahoma and who shall be a resident of Oklahoma. The Speaker shall appoint the chair of the Task Force and the President Pro Tempore shall appoint the vice-chair from their appointees.

C. Nonlegislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed by the appointing authority for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislative members shall be reimbursed

pursuant to the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

D. The House of Representatives and Senate shall provide staff support as required by the Task Force.

E. The duties of the Task Force on Prevention of Genetic Discrimination shall be:

1. To review House Bill No. 2478 of the 2nd Session of the 45th Oklahoma Legislature which proposes the creation of a Genetic Nondiscrimination Act for the State of Oklahoma;

2. To review legislation from other states and any model legislation related to genetic discrimination; and

3. To make recommendations to the Legislature by January 1, 1997, concerning proposed legislation which the Task Force deems necessary to prevent genetic discrimination, particularly with regard to insurance and employment.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 22nd day of May, 1996.

of Speaker of the House  
s Representative

Adopted by the Senate the 29th day of May, 1996.

Senate President of the