

SHORT TITLE: Concurrent Resolution directing Oklahoma Water Resources Board to conduct meetings on certain water reservoir; directing distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 45th Legislature (1995)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 29

By: Bell of the Senate

and

Erwin of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution directing the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to conduct meetings regarding utilization of water and reservoir storage and to report findings to the Oklahoma Legislature; stating contents of report; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma owns storage in reservoirs which impound water for beneficial uses; and

WHEREAS, if it is feasible and appropriate to consider marketing such storage and water, proceeds from marketing could be used to defray costs and operation and maintenance expenses, and to improve economic opportunities and development potential in areas where such reservoirs are located; and

WHEREAS, recreation, fish and wildlife uses of water in such storage must be adequately protected if marketing of such storage and water is deemed feasible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

SECTION 1. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board by and through its Executive Director and Assistant Director shall conduct meetings as they deem appropriate with state and local officials and the general public to receive input regarding proposals to market water and storage for which the State of Oklahoma is obligated to repay

costs of construction and operation and maintenance for facilities necessary for such storage.

SECTION 2. After such meetings, the Executive Director and Assistant Director shall submit a report to the Oklahoma Legislature and Office of the Governor by December 1, 1995, regarding the feasibility and opportunities for marketing water and storage for which the State of Oklahoma is obligated to repay costs of construction and operation and maintenance for facilities necessary for such storage. The report shall address the following matters:

1. Whether marketing of water and storage is feasible and in the public interest to defray costs and operation and maintenance expenses of any reservoir for which the State of Oklahoma is obligated to repay;

2. Proposals to improve economic opportunities and development potential in areas where such reservoirs are located, and to provide reasonable protection to recreation, fish and wildlife uses of water in such storage if marketing of water and storage is feasible; and

3. Proposals to provide for escalation of consideration sufficiently to reflect the value of water and storage for the term of any marketing agreement or agreements.

Marketing proposals may consider use of water out of state or use of water in the state but outside the basin of origin.

SECTION 3. A copy of this resolution shall be distributed to the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

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