

ENROLLED SENATE
JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 15

By: Maddox and Helton of the
Senate

and

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(Clay) of the House

A Joint Resolution relating to exports of Oklahoma products and services; directing the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Department of Agriculture to jointly conduct an inventory of Oklahoma exports to other countries and stating scope of inventory; requiring Departments develop and implement certain strategy; requiring certain report; directing distribution; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, expansion of markets for Oklahoma products and services is critical to the future growth of the Oklahoma economy; and

WHEREAS, the export of Oklahoma products and services, although growing, has lagged behind the growth of exports from other states; and

WHEREAS, for every export job created, three supporting jobs are created; and

WHEREAS, export-related jobs pay wages that are twelve to fifteen percent higher than other jobs and have a positive impact on the per capita income of this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. A. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Department of Agriculture shall jointly conduct an inventory of Oklahoma exports which shall include, but not be limited to, an accounting of the businesses and agricultural producers who are exporting products and services to other countries, the types of products and services exported, the countries to which Oklahoma products and services are exported, and the impact of these exports on the Oklahoma economy.

B. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Department of Agriculture shall develop and implement a joint strategy for encouraging Oklahoma businesses and agricultural producers to export their products and services to other countries.

C. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Department of Agriculture shall submit a report describing their findings and strategy to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Governor, no later than January 1, 1999.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of State shall distribute copies of this resolution to the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 4th day of March, 1998.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 30th day of March, 1998.

Speaker of the House of Representatives