STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1097

By: Hutchison of the House

and

Price of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution creating a task force to do an interim study on the impact of nutrients on the waters of the state; providing duties and purpose; requiring report; authorizing reimbursement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the government of the State of Oklahoma has the responsibility to ensure that all citizens of this state have quality drinking water; and

WHEREAS, nutrients are known to have an impact on the eutrophication of water in the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, nutrients flowing into the waters of the state come from both point and nonpoint discharge sources; and

WHEREAS, the relative impact of nutrients discharged into the waters of the state caused by point source or nonpoint source discharges is undetermined; and

WHEREAS, the financial impact for the implementation of measures to control nutrients in the waters of the state should be equitably distributed.

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

SECTION 1. A. There is hereby created a task force to study the impact of point and nonpoint source discharges of nutrients into the waters of the state.

B. The task force shall consist of nine (9) members, three appointed by the Governor, three appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and three appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

C. The task force shall be in effect from June 1, 1998, to February 1, 1999.

D. 1. The task force shall investigate and determine the processes that cause eutrophication, identify the sources of nutrients that produce and promote eutrophication, ascertain control mechanisms by source that reduce the contribution of eutrophication-causing nutrients, evaluate the potential effectiveness of the control measures, quantify the costs of these control mechanisms and project the response time(s) for the control measures to impact eutrophic streams and lakes.

2. The task force shall conduct any and all investigations necessary during the first six (6) months of its existence.

3. The task force shall prepare a report during the last three (3) months of its existence.

4. The report shall be transmitted to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives and President Pro Tempore of the Senate upon completion, but no later than February 1, 1999.

E. Members of the task force shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary travel expenses as follows:

1. Legislative members of the task force shall receive reimbursement from the house in which they serve as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act, except when the Legislature is in session and the meeting is held in Oklahoma City;

2. Nonlegislative task force members employed by the state shall be reimbursed by their respective employing agency pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

3. Any other task force member shall receive reimbursement pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act from funds of the Legislative Service Bureau.

F. A majority of the members appointed to the task force shall constitute a quorum and a majority present may act for the task force.

SECTION 2. Copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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