

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1113

By: Smith (Dale) of the House

and

Shurden of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution relating to wildlife funding; creating the Task Force on Wildlife Funding; stating purpose of Task Force; providing for study of certain issues; requiring a report; stating membership; providing for meetings, officers, staffing, and travel reimbursement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, currently the services provided and programs administered by the Wildlife Conservation Commission are funded through monies collected from fees and licenses and from federal funding; and

WHEREAS, current revenues collected by the Wildlife Conservation Commission are not adequate to fund current programs and services, or to provide additional programs and services; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for adequate funding of programs and services administered by the Wildlife Conservation Commission to enhance the wildlife resources of this state, and such enhancement will as a consequence improve the quality of life for all Oklahomans and create jobs and ancillary economic growth within the state; and

WHEREAS, because wildlife programs and services are such an integral part of our state it is imperative that such programs and services continue and expand, and to accomplish that goal all means of funding for such programs and services need to be studied.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT there is hereby created the Task Force on Wildlife Funding. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to work with the Wildlife Conservation Commission to study sources of funding for wildlife programs and services provided through the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and to make recommendations on such alternative and additional sources.

THAT the study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. A review of current funding sources for programs and services administered by the Wildlife Conservation Commission;

2. A review of funding mechanisms for state wildlife programs being proposed or pending at the federal level;

3. A survey of funding mechanisms utilized by other states for wildlife programs and services; and

4. An evaluation of potential, additional funding sources, including but not limited to, the dedication of a certain portion of sale tax receipts for wildlife programs and services.

THAT the Task Force shall issue a report of the findings and recommendations to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate by December 31, 2000.

THAT the Task Force shall include the following members:

1. Five members of the House of Representatives, of which, one member shall be the chair of the House of Representatives Wildlife Committee, two members shall be members of the House of Representatives Wildlife Committee, and two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

2. Five members of the Senate, of which, one member shall be the chair of the Senate Wildlife Committee, two members shall be members of the Senate Wildlife Committee, and two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

3. The Director of Wildlife Conservation or a designee;

4. The Administrator of the Oklahoma Tax Commission or a designee;

5. The Director of State Finance or a designee; and

6. Three members appointed by the Governor.

THAT the first meeting of the Task Force shall be no later than September 1, 2000. The cochair of the Task Force shall be the chair of the House of Representatives Wildlife Committee and the chair of the Senate Wildlife Committee. The Task Force shall meet at such times and places as deemed necessary to perform its duties as specified in this resolution. Meetings shall be held at the call of either cochair. Staffing for the Task Force shall be provided by the legislative staff of the House of Representatives and the Senate. The Department of Wildlife Conservation shall provide such staff support and resources as are required by the Task Force.

THAT the members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for serving on the Task Force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, from the legislative body in which they serve;

2. Members of the Task Force who are officers or employees of the state shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the

performance of their duties by their respective agencies or institutions in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

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

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to each member of the Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Director of Wildlife Conservation, the Administrator of the Oklahoma Tax Commission, and the Director of State Finance.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 25th day of May, 2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 26th day of May, 2000.

President of the Senate