

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE CONCURRENT

RESOLUTION NO. 1003x____

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution relating to zero-based budgeting; making certain findings with respect to expenditure of funds; providing for adoption of zero-based budget system; providing requirements for budget system; providing for assistance by Office of State Finance; providing for certain statements and plans; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, recent investigations into the operations of the State Department of Health have revealed that certain persons or entities received compensation over an extended period of time without the performance of any services or the exchange of value for such compensation; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the apparently unauthorized expenditures over a period of approximately ten (10) years could exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) according to some accounts; and

WHEREAS, it is unacceptable for the State of Oklahoma and the taxpayers of the State of Oklahoma to allow a management practice which would permit the payment of such compensation without an equivalent value in the performance of services or the acquisition of property on behalf of the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, an improved system of accounting and finance in state government would have prevented the misuse of state funds at the State Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, a system of zero-based budgeting, requiring the annual justification of each and every expenditure, including payroll expenses or payments in the nature of compensation, would prevent

any further misuse of state funds and the unauthorized expenditure of taxpayer monies; and

WHEREAS, each executive branch agency, board, commission, department or other entity of state government should also prepare a mission statement and both a short-term and long-term strategic plan describing the essential mission and goals of the entity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT each and every agency, board, commission, department or other entity within the executive branch of state government should adopt and implement a system of zero-based budgeting for preparation of the FY-2002 budget and for each and every fiscal year thereafter.

THAT the Office of State Finance should assist in the preparation of such documents, forms, processes or other materials or information, including management information or data processing systems, as may be required in order for all entities of state government to adopt and implement a system of zero-based budgeting.

THAT the system of zero-based budgeting should include, but not be limited to, a process for verifying the identity of each and every employee to whom compensation is paid and that the person actually performs services for the entity making payment, including payments to business entities.

THAT each executive branch agency, board, commission, department or other state governmental entity should prepare and file with the Office of State Finance a mission statement and a short-term and long-term strategic plan.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Director of the Office of State Finance, the person or persons who by law are responsible for the administration of each state executive branch agency, board, commission or department and to the person or persons primarily responsible for the fiscal accountability of each and

every state executive branch agency, board, commission or department.

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