

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 48th Legislature (2002)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 2523

By: Mass and Bonny of the House

and

Haney and Hobson of the
Senate

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department; making appropriations to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department; stating purposes; reappropriating and continuing funds to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department; stating purposes; stating certain budget categories; providing for duties and compensation of employees; limiting the salary of the Director; stating legislative intent; prohibiting the closing of certain state parks without legislative approval; providing exception; authorizing the establishment of certain internship program in the area of tourism management; providing a lapse date; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, the sum of Twenty-six Million Four Hundred Seventy-seven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-four Dollars (\$26,477,594.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department by law.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the Special Cash Fund of the State Treasury the sum of One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,700,000.00) or so much

thereof as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department by law.

SECTION 3. REAPPROPRIATION The amount of One Hundred Eighty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty-four Dollars (\$187,544.00) of the original appropriation of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) appropriated to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department by Section 19, Chapter 12, O.S.L. 1996, for the purpose of repairing the sewage lagoon systems at Lake Murray State Park, and reappropriated by Section 14, Chapter 280, O.S.L. 1998, and reappropriated and redesignated for sewage lagoon maintenance and reconstruction, lift station construction, and other sewage disposal projects by Section 6, Chapter 410, O.S.L. 2000, is hereby continued and reappropriated in the original amount and for the redesignated purpose, as adjusted by transfer, less any amount that has been expended upon the effective date of this act.

SECTION 4. REAPPROPRIATION The amount of One Hundred Fifty-four Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$154,314.00) of the original appropriation of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) appropriated to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department by Section 3, Chapter 14, O.S.L. 2000, for the purpose of conducting an engineering report related to the construction and remediation of the sewage systems of Sequoyah State Park, Lake Tenkiller State Park, Red Rock Canyon State Park, Lake Texoma Resort State Park, and the water system of Great Salt Plains State Park, is hereby continued and reappropriated in the original amount and for the original purpose, as adjusted by transfer, less any amount that has been expended upon the effective date of this act.

SECTION 5. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department shall budget all funds in the following categories and amounts:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Administration	\$2,743,365.00	\$3,052,912.00

Divisions of State Parks,		
Resorts and Golf Courses	16,829,132.00	48,635,771.00
State Parks Maintenance		
And Equipment	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Division of Research		
and Development	581,420.00	4,467,671.00
Division of Travel and		
Tourism	4,174,505.00	9,860,256.00
Office of the Film		
and Music Commission	344,631.00	380,899.00
Division of Human Resources	488,945.00	541,548.00
Oklahoma Today Magazine	216,726.00	1,418,684.00
Multicounty Organizations	1,191,695.00	1,216,695.00
Cherokee National Historical		
Society - Tsa La Gi	37,575.00	37,575.00
Cherokee heritage Center	50,000.00	50,000.00
Red Earth	30,000.00	30,000.00
Summer Arts Institute	39,600.00	39,600.00
Shakespeare Festival	100,000.00	100,000.00
Greenwood Cultural Center	150,000.00	150,000.00
Jazz Hall of Fame	<u>200,000.00</u>	<u>200,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$28,177,594.00	\$71,181,611.00

SECTION 6. The duties and compensation of employees, not otherwise prescribed by law, necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department by law shall be set by the Director. The salary of the Director shall not exceed Seventy-four Thousand Dollars (\$74,000.00) per annum, payable monthly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitation on full-time-equivalent employees and expenditures excluding expenditures for capital and special projects, except as may be

authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

<u>Budgetary Limitation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Average Number of Full-Time-Equivalent Employees, Excluding Seasonal Employees and Project Labor	808.0
Lease-Purchase Agreements	\$1,863,011.00

SECTION 7. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department expend at least One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) or so much thereof as is necessary from funds appropriated in this act for the purpose of supporting nature center operations.

SECTION 8. No additional state parks shall be closed for part of the year without the specific authorization of the Legislature. State parks that have been closed for part of the year prior to July 1, 1991, may continue to be closed if so required by the Commission.

SECTION 9. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are authorized to establish an internship program in conjunction with the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department for students enrolled in an institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education who are pursuing an Associate or Business Administration degree in the area of tourism management.

SECTION 10. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department shall continue to provide necessary administrative services for the Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission as created by subsection B of Section 1461 of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes at no additional cost to the Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission.

SECTION 11. Appropriations made by this act, not including appropriations made for capital outlay purposes, may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003 (hereafter FY-03) or may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004 (hereafter FY-04). Funds budgeted for FY-03 may be encumbered only through June 30,

2003, and must be expended by November 15, 2003. Any funds remaining after November 15, 2003, and not budgeted for FY-04, shall lapse to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal year. Funds budgeted for FY-04 may be encumbered only through June 30, 2004. Any funds remaining after November 15, 2004, shall lapse to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal year. These appropriations may not be budgeted in both fiscal years simultaneously. Funds budgeted in FY-03, and not required to pay obligations for that fiscal year, may be budgeted for FY-04, after the agency to which the funds have been appropriated has prepared and submitted a budget work program revision removing these funds from the FY-03 budget work program and after such revision has been approved by the Office of State Finance.

SECTION 12. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

SECTION 13. 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.

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