

ENGROSSED SENATE  
CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 49

By: Wilkerson of the Senate

and

Fields of the House

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WHEREAS, the prison population within the State of Oklahoma has been consistently increasing over the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS, the female portion of that population has been increasing at a rate far greater from the male prison population; and

WHEREAS, female inmates pose significantly different needs within the prison system than their male counterparts; and

WHEREAS, because of budgetary constraints and other considerations the Department of Corrections has had limited options available to address the increasing needs of female inmates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Department of Corrections is hereby authorized to contract with a public trust or one or more private prison contractors to establish or construct a prison facility capable of handling the needs of the growing female inmate population within the prison system.

THAT the method of contracting may be by requesting proposals or negotiations, whichever is determined by the Department to be in the best interests of the state. The contract may cover minimum, medium or maximum security level female inmates, or any combination

thereof. The final contract shall be subject to approval by the State Board of Corrections.

THAT the contract may provide for an option for this state to purchase the facility, after a predetermined number of continuous years of use by this state. If such provision is negotiated, the contract shall not be effective unless and until it has been approved by both the Legislative and the Executive Bond Oversight Commissions.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Director of the Department of Corrections, the members of the State Board of Corrections, and the members of the Legislative and Executive Bond Oversight Commissions.

Adopted by the Senate the 18th day of March, 2002.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2002.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives