

ENROLLED SENATE
JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 54

By: Gumm of the Senate

and

Roan, Calvey, Adkins and
Liotta of the House

A Joint Resolution relating to firearms manufacturer recruitment; stating legislative intent; describing the industry; defining importance; designating certain public entities to develop certain recruitment strategies; directing the designation of a coordinating liaison; authorizing certain economic incentives; and directing filing.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature to further economic development initiatives by continuing to provide a positive manufacturing environment favorable to attracting high-wage quality jobs; and

WHEREAS, the firearms manufacturing industry is a multi-billion-dollar industry often located in states hostile to firearms ownership and use; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is a state in which firearms are an important part of our heritage, and firearms manufacturing can and should be an important part of the economic growth and strength of this state; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 75 major domestic firearms manufacturers currently located in 12 states which benefit from the quality jobs and revenue resulting from the manufacture of firearms; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma should establish a coordinated effort to recruit firearms manufacturers to relocate to this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall collaborate with an Oklahoma institution of higher education that offers a gunsmith curriculum to develop strategies to attract a firearms manufacturer to locate in close proximity to such institution.

THAT such institution of higher education shall designate a liaison with the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to coordinate said efforts.

THAT the manufacturing of firearms is a manufacturing activity classified in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Manual under Industry Sector Number 33, as defined in Section 3603 et seq. of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and therefore qualifies for certain economic incentives.

THAT existing economic incentives shall be extended to firearms manufacturers as inducement to relocate to Oklahoma.

THAT upon enactment of this Joint Resolution copies be filed with the Secretary of State.

Passed the Senate the 21st day of April, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of March, 2004.

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of Representatives