

**EHB 1570**

**THE STATE SENATE**  
**Monday, April 7, 2003**

**ENGROSSED**

**House Bill No. 1570**

**As Amended**

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1570 - By: BOREN, DORMAN, ASKINS, BRADDOCK, BRANNON, CAREY, DEUTSCHENDORF, ERWIN, GILBERT, HAMILTON, HILLIARD, HUTCHISON, LAMONS, LERBLANCE, MILLER (Ray), MORGAN (Danny), NATIONS, ROAN, SMITH (Dale), STAGGS, STANLEY, SWEEDEN and WALKER of the House and GUMM and RABON of the Senate.

**[ state government - Rural Assistance Grant System (RAGS) - noncodification - effective date - emergency ]**

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Rural Assistance Grant System" (RAGS).

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5003.12 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall, subject to the availability of funds, establish a program to assist counties, cities, towns and other political subdivisions or governmental entities with the process for making applications for grants or other similar forms of assistance.

1           B. The Department of Commerce shall place emphasis upon  
2 providing grant application assistance to those entities of local  
3 government the population of which is less than three thousand  
4 (3,000) persons for cities or towns or less than twenty thousand  
5 (20,000) persons for counties. The population limits specified in  
6 this subsection shall be measured using the latest Federal Decennial  
7 Census or most recent population estimate.

8           C. The Department of Commerce shall, subject to the  
9 availability of funds, establish a system for accumulating  
10 information about grants available from the federal government or  
11 other sources, including but not limited to the Community  
12 Development Block Grant program, and shall develop a method for  
13 informing counties, cities, towns or other units of local government  
14 about the availability of grant assistance upon the request of such  
15 entities.

16           SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2003.

17           SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
18 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 4-2-03 - DO  
22 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.