

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

HOUSE CONCURRENT

RESOLUTION HCR1087:

Cargill of the House

and

Coats of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution relating to the outsourcing of state services and contracts to overseas companies; making findings regarding economic trends; making a finding regarding the outsourcing of DHS contract; requesting state governmental entities to review contracts for outsourcing; encouraging Department of Central Services and agencies to contract with companies that keep jobs in the United States; and providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, hard-working men and women in Oklahoma and the United States are losing their manufacturing and service jobs to overseas competition; and

WHEREAS, the loss of U.S. jobs and the increasing trade deficit represent significant threats to the health of the nation's economy and the economy of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, United States employers are expected to move 3.3 million white collar service jobs overseas in the next 15 years; and

WHEREAS, telephone calls from Oklahoma food stamp recipients are currently being answered at call centers in India as the result of the subcontracting of a Department of Human Services contract by the private contractor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma as well as businesses and workers benefit when skilled, good-paying jobs stay in Oklahoma.

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

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature supports the actions and mirrors the concerns of the thirty-one legislatures that have introduced measures banning state agencies from entering into contracts with companies that would send those jobs outside the United States.

THAT the agencies, boards, commissions, departments and other government entities of the State of Oklahoma should review all current contracts for the outsourcing of government jobs overseas.

THAT the Department of Central Services and all state entities are encouraged to pursue contracts with companies that keep jobs in Oklahoma and in the United States.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Director of the Department of Central Services and the purchasing directors of all agencies, boards, commissions and other entities of the executive branch of state government and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

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