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HOUSE

RESOLUTION HR1022

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution expressing the intent of the Oklahoma House of Representatives that no public monies be spent on a water study that is controlled by a private entity; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, it is a duty of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to ensure that all public monies are expended in the most efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation is considering providing funding for a noncomprehensive water study to be conducted by a private entity; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives believes that any scientific water study for human, economic and environmental needs of the state should be of a comprehensive nature; and

WHEREAS, such noncomprehensive studies may provide incomplete and possibly misleading results on state water needs and availability; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens that a study of this nature be conducted by a public entity in order to ensure compliance with public accountability laws such as the Open Meeting Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1st SESSION OF THE 49th OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation as a constitutionally

independent agency that may spend its funds in any manner it deems necessary.

THAT it is the intent of the Oklahoma House of Representatives that any funds available from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation that are to be used for studies affecting water planning be expended toward a comprehensive study incorporating environmental and wildlife needs.

THAT any such comprehensive study be done solely under the control of a public entity accountable to the State of Oklahoma and its citizens.

THAT it is the intent of the Oklahoma House of Representatives that no public monies be spent on any water study that is controlled or governed by a private entity.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the members of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission and to the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

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