

THE STATE SENATE  
Tuesday, April 11, 2006

ENGROSSED

House Bill No. 2955

As Amended

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2955 - By: HICKMAN, ARMES, DeWITT, DENNEY,  
BLACKWELL, BILLY, ELLIS, GLENN, PRUETT, ROGGOW, WALKER and BRADDOCK  
of the House and LAUGHLIN of the Senate.

[ agriculture - Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food,  
and Forestry - plan - codification - emergency ]

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-31 of Title 2, unless there is  
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry  
shall develop a plan to create an independent agricultural tourism  
organization. This organization shall be established as a tax  
exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue  
Code. The plan shall include:

1. All necessary provisions to form a partnership with the  
Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation, the Oklahoma  
Department of Commerce, and the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,  
Food, and Forestry; and

2. Provisions to create a board with the number of members to  
be determined by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and

1 Forestry and membership to include at least one member from the  
2 Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation, one member from the  
3 Oklahoma Department of Commerce, and one member from the Oklahoma  
4 Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry.

5 B. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry  
6 shall make a report of the plan to the Legislature by January 1,  
7 2007.

8 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
9 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
10 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
11 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 4-5-06 - DO  
13 PASS, As Amended.