

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Monday, February 25, 2008

House Bill No. 3198

HOUSE BILL NO. 3198 - By: DENNEY of the House and JOLLEY of the Senate.

An Act relating to arts and culture; creating the Task Force on Creative Artist Guilds; stating purpose of the Task Force; providing for membership; providing for appointments, meetings, officers, travel reimbursements, and staffing; stating duties of the Task Force; requiring a report by certain date; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

- 1           SECTION 1.   NEW LAW   A new section of law not to be codified in the  
2 Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:
- 3           A. There is hereby created to continue until July 1, 2009, the Task Force on  
4 Creative Artist Guilds. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to study the various  
5 approaches to organizing, establishing, and supporting creative artist guilds in the state,  
6 the goal being to provide a cooperative structure for artists and creative individuals who  
7 reside in the state and who can advance the visual and performing arts in the state  
8 through education, exhibitions, and workshops.
- 9           B. The Task Force shall consist of the following members:
- 10           1. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, appointed by the  
11 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

1           2. One member of the State Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
2 State Senate;

3           3. One member who represents a statewide nonprofit arts organization, appointed  
4 by the Governor;

5           4. Two members who are artists or who are employed in an art or creative  
6 industries field or area, one to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
7 Representatives and one to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

8           5. Two members who represent local arts organizations, one to be appointed by the  
9 Speaker of the House of Representatives and one to be appointed by the President Pro  
10 Tempore of the Senate;

11          6. The Director of the Oklahoma Office of the Film and Music Commission; and

12          7. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Arts Council.

13          C. Members of the Task Force shall be appointed no later than September 1, 2008.

14 The first meeting of the Task Force shall be called by the Executive Director of the  
15 Oklahoma Arts Council. Subsequent meetings shall be held at the call of the chair or  
16 vice-chair. The chair and vice-chair of the Task Force shall be elected by the members at  
17 the first meeting of the Task Force.

18          D. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation but shall receive  
19 travel reimbursement as follows:

20          1. Legislative members shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses  
21 incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of  
22 the Oklahoma Statutes; and

1           2. Nonlegislative members shall be reimbursed by their respective agencies or  
2 appointing authority for their necessary travel expenses in the performance of their  
3 duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

4           E. Staffing for the Task Force shall be performed by the staff of the Oklahoma  
5 House of Representatives and the State Senate.

6           F. The Task Force shall study the following issues and make a report of its findings  
7 and any recommendations to the Governor, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of  
8 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate by February 1,  
9 2009:

10           1. Study various approaches to organizing a creative artist guild;

11           2. Study the organizational structure of creative artist guilds in other states;

12           3. Make recommendations on funding support and other resources that can be  
13 provided to creative artist guilds; and

14           4. Study the cultural, educational, and economic impact that creative artist guilds  
15 can have on the state.

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

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 02-21-08 - DO  
20 PASS, As Coauthored.