

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 1068

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution creating the Container  
8 Deposit Task Force; providing for membership;  
9 providing for vacancies, quorum, chair, meetings,  
10 staffing, and travel reimbursement; stating duties of  
the Task Force; and requiring the Task Force to file  
a report by certain date.

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13 WHEREAS, container deposit laws or bottle bills are laws which  
14 require a minimum refundable deposit on certain beverage containers  
15 in order to insure a high rate of recycling and reuse; and

16 WHEREAS, container deposit laws establish a method of capturing  
17 beverage bottles and cans for recycling and reuse through offering a  
18 monetary incentive to return the containers for recycling; and

19 WHEREAS, the major purposes of enacting container deposit laws  
20 are to encourage recycling, reducing litter, extending the usable  
21 lifetime of landfills, and protecting children by reducing the  
22 incidence of glass lacerations; and

23 WHEREAS, currently eleven states have enacted container deposit  
24 laws or bottle bills; and

1       WHEREAS, some data shows that in states where container deposit  
2 laws have been enacted litter has been reduced and recycling has  
3 been increased; and

4       WHEREAS, the Legislature should explore the feasibility and  
5 benefits of enacting a container deposit law in Oklahoma.

6       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
7 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
8 CONCURRING THEREIN:

9       THAT there is hereby created, to continue until December 31,  
10 2008, the Container Deposit Task Force.

11       THAT the Task Force shall consist of fourteen (14) members as  
12 follows:

13       1. The Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives shall  
14 appoint five members as follows:

- 15           a. two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
- 16           b. one member who represents the beverage industry in the  
17           state,
- 18           c. one member who represents the solid waste management  
19           industry, and
- 20           d. one member who represents a statewide environmental  
21           organization;

22       2. The President Pro Tempore of the State Senate shall appoint  
23 five members as follows:

- 24           a. two members of the State Senate,

- 1           b. one member who represents the beverage industry in the  
2           state,  
3           c. one member who represents a municipality in the state,  
4           and  
5           d. one member who represents the retail industry in the  
6           state;

7           3. The Governor shall appoint two members who represent the  
8 recycling industry;

9           4. The Executive Director of the Department of Environmental  
10 Quality or a designee; and

11           5. The Secretary of Environment.

12           THAT members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing  
13 authorities. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled by the  
14 original appointing authority.

15           THAT appointments to the Task Force shall be made by August 1,  
16 2008.

17           THAT a majority of the members of the Task Force shall  
18 constitute a quorum. A majority of the members present at a meeting  
19 may act for the Task Force.

20           THAT the Executive Director of the Department of Environmental  
21 Quality or designee shall serve as chair of the Task Force.

22           THAT the chair of the Task Force shall convene the meetings of  
23 the Task Force and shall determine a schedule of meetings. The  
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1 first meeting of the Task Force shall be called no later than  
2 October 1, 2008.

3 THAT staff of the Department of Environmental Quality shall  
4 serve as primary resource staff for the Task Force. The Task Force  
5 may use the expertise and services of the staffs of the State Senate  
6 and the Oklahoma House of Representatives and may, as necessary,  
7 seek the advice and services of experts in the field as well as  
8 other necessary professional and clerical staff.

9 THAT all departments, officers, agencies, and employees of this  
10 state shall cooperate with the Task Force in fulfilling its duties  
11 and responsibilities including, but not limited to, providing any  
12 information, records, or reports requested by the Task Force.

13 THAT members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for  
14 their service, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

15 1. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed  
16 for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their  
17 duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74  
18 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

19 2. Nonlegislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed  
20 by their appointing authorities or respective agencies for necessary  
21 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in  
22 accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

23 THAT it shall be the duty of the Task Force to formulate  
24 recommendations related to:

1 1. The feasibility and benefits of enacting a container deposit  
2 law in Oklahoma;

3 2. A review of container deposit laws, policies, and procedures  
4 in other states; and

5 3. The environmental impact a container deposit law would have  
6 for the state including, but not limited to, the impact on solid  
7 waste landfills in the state and on recyclable material processing  
8 operations in the state.

9 THAT the Task Force shall file a report of its recommendations,  
10 including recommendations for any resulting legislation, with the  
11 Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and  
12 the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate by December 31, 2008.

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