

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL 740

By: Schulz of the Senate

and

Blackwell of the House

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9 An Act relating to endangered species; amending
10 Section 1 of Enrolled Senate Bill No. 603 of the 1st
11 Session of the 53rd Oklahoma Legislature, which
12 relates to the Endangered Species and Economic
Development Task Force; modifying membership; and
declaring an emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1 of Enrolled Senate Bill
15 No. 603 of the 1st Session of the 53rd Oklahoma Legislature, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1. A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2011,
18 the Endangered Species and Economic Development Task Force to assist
19 agencies in providing policy and technical assistance regarding
20 compliance with endangered species laws. The task force shall:

21 1. Assess the economic impact on the state of federal, state,
22 or local regulations relating to endangered species;

23 2. Assist landowners and other persons in this state to
24 identify, evaluate, and implement cost-efficient strategies for

1 mitigation of impacts to and recovery of endangered species that
2 will promote economic growth and development in this state;

3 3. Facilitate state agencies and local governmental efforts to
4 effectively implement endangered species regulations in a cost
5 efficient manner;

6 4. Make recommendations, if requested by a local government or
7 a state official, addressing endangered species issues; and

8 5. Work in coordination with the United States Fish and
9 Wildlife Service, institutions of higher education, and agriculture
10 and conservation organizations in performing its functions and
11 duties.

12 B. The task force shall be composed of ~~nine (9)~~ ten (10)
13 members as follows:

14 1. One member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro
15 Tempore of the Senate or designee;

16 2. One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the
17 Speaker of the House of Representatives or designee;

18 3. The Secretary of Commerce and Tourism or designee;

19 4. The Secretary of Environment or designee;

20 5. The Secretary of Agriculture or designee;

21 6. The chair of the Corporation Commission or designee;

22 7. The State Wildlife Conservation Director or designee;

23 8. The Director of the Oklahoma Association of Conservation
24 Districts or designee; ~~and~~

1 9. The ~~Director of the Department~~ Secretary of Transportation
2 or designee; and

3 10. The Secretary of Energy or designee.

4 C. The appointed members of the task force shall serve at the
5 pleasure of the appointing authority.

6 D. The chair of the task force shall be the Secretary of
7 Commerce and Tourism and the vice-chair shall be selected from the
8 members of the task force.

9 E. A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute
10 a quorum for the purpose of taking any action.

11 F. Staff support of the task force shall be provided by the
12 Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

13 G. The task force shall provide reports as needed on:

14 1. Innovative programs to address endangered species issues
15 while promoting economic growth; and

16 2. Legislative recommendations to the President Pro Tempore of
17 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
18 Governor by December 31, 2011.

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

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