

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1328

By: Crain of the Senate

and

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9 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

10 An Act relating to water quality and water quantity;
11 stating legislative findings; stating intent to
12 appropriate funds for certain purposes; providing for
13 noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
16 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

17 The latest update of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan
18 (OCWP) adopted by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board in 2011 finds
19 an overwhelming number of citizens participating in the compilation
20 of the OCWP recognize the urgent need for more robust data-gathering
21 programs to enable informed decision making on all issues relating
22 to the water resources of this state.

23 The most acute funding need is for the establishment of a
24 holistic statewide surface water and groundwater monitoring program

1 to accurately assess water quality and quantity of those resources
2 over the next fifty (50) years.

3 It is the intent of the Legislature to otherwise appropriate, in
4 addition to any state funding currently directed to the various
5 state and federal agencies involved in administering data collection
6 programs for measuring water quality and water quantity, an
7 additional appropriation annually to the Oklahoma Water Resources
8 Board for the development and maintenance of a permanent statewide
9 water quality and quantity monitoring program and a nonpoint source
10 water quality monitoring program maintained at the Oklahoma
11 Conservation Commission to be established pursuant to the
12 recommendations contained in the OCWP.

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

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