

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1325

By: Crain and Fields of the
Senate

3 and

4 Richardson of the House

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7 [Water Infrastructure Financing - Water
8 Infrastructure Financing Task Force -
noncodification -

emergency]

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

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

14 A. There is hereby created the Water Infrastructure Financing
15 Task Force. The purpose of the task force is to study the
16 recommendations made in the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan (OCWP)
17 for the state's future water infrastructure needs over the next
18 fifty (50) years. The OCWP financial model predicts infrastructure
19 needs over the total period of fifty (50) years will cost Oklahomans
20 approximately Eighty-seven Billion Dollars (\$87,000,000,000.00),
21 provided the predicted rate of inflation remains close to the two
22 and ninety-eight one-hundredths percent (2.98%) used in the study's
23 financial model. Given the extraordinary financial resources
24 required to meet the future water resource needs of our citizens it

1 is incumbent on this Legislature to begin the process to address
2 those needs in a timely manner to protect the health, safety and
3 welfare of all Oklahomans.

4 B. Within sixty (60) days following the effective date of this
5 act, the members of the task force shall be appointed as follows:

6 1. The Governor shall appoint five members;

7 2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint five
8 members of the Senate; and

9 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint
10 five members of the House of Representatives.

11 Members shall serve without compensation but shall be eligible
12 to receive travel reimbursement from their appointing authorities
13 for necessary travel pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma
14 Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislators serving on the task force
15 shall receive travel reimburse as provided in Section 456.3 of Title
16 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

17 Staffing and administrative functions for the task force shall
18 be provided by the Senate and House of Representatives staff as the
19 membership directs.

20 The Governor shall convene the first meeting of the task force
21 and the members shall determine an appropriate meeting schedule for
22 future meetings. The members shall elect a chair who will serve as
23 the presiding officer during meetings and perform administrative
24 functions for the task force. Vacancies occurring on the task force

1 shall be filled within thirty (30) days by the original appointing
2 authority.

3 The task force shall adopt, by majority vote, legislative
4 recommendations to address future water infrastructure needs to be
5 reported to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker
6 of the House of Representatives.

7 C. The chair of task force shall deliver a report, as directed
8 by this section, no later than December 31, 2012. Activities of the
9 task force will be terminated by December 31, 2012.

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

14 Passed the Senate the 28th day of February, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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18 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
19 2012.

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