

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
JOINT
2 RESOLUTION NO. 24

By: Paddack and Fields of the
Senate

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4 and

5 Martin (Scott) of the House
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7 A Joint Resolution directing certain state agencies
8 to submit report stating progress of implementing
9 state policy for water reuse by certain date; stating
10 requirements of report; and directing distribution.

11 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes that Oklahoma has
12 been blessed with a diversity of natural resources that enhance the
13 quality of life of the citizens of the state; and

14 WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the natural resources that
15 Oklahomans currently enjoy are available to future generations of
16 Oklahomans, it is necessary to make wise and efficient use of those
17 resources; and

18 WHEREAS, no natural resource is more vital to the health,
19 welfare and quality of life of Oklahomans and to the economic well-
20 being of the state than its groundwater and surface water resources;
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22 WHEREAS, in order to preserve the state's invaluable water
23 resources for the benefit of our citizens and its visitors, more
24 efficient use of the available water is necessary; and

1 WHEREAS, making more efficient use of water requires the
2 development of means and processes to reuse water for multiple
3 purposes whenever and wherever that reuse is protective of human
4 health and the environment; and

5 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, by
6 virtue of its statutory responsibilities for drinking water
7 protection and water pollution control, and the Oklahoma Water
8 Resources Board, by virtue of its statutory authorities to ensure
9 long-term water availability and establish water quality standards
10 to protect the beneficial uses of state waters, are the appropriate
11 agencies to coordinate stakeholders and interest groups in exploring
12 water reuse options.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

15 SECTION 1. The Executive Directors of the Oklahoma Department
16 of Environmental Quality and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board
17 shall submit a report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and
18 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate by January 1, 2013. The
19 report shall detail the progress made to implement the state policy
20 of water reuse. The report shall, at a minimum, describe the means
21 and processes developed for water reuse and the nature of the
22 agencies' efforts to involve the expertise, insight and input, and
23 encourage the collaboration of stakeholders and groups with an
24 interest in water reuse.

1 SECTION 2. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to
2 distribute copies of this resolution to the Governor, the President
3 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
4 Representatives, the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department
5 of Environmental Quality and the Executive Director of the Oklahoma
6 Water Resources Board.

7 Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2011.

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10 Presiding Officer of the Senate

11 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
12 2011.

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16 of Representatives