

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1311

By: Richardson of the House

and

Fields of the Senate

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10                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11                   An Act relating to endangered species; creating the  
12                   Endangered Species and Economic Development Task  
13                   Force; providing expiration date; specifying duties;  
14                   providing for membership; directing selection of  
15                   chair and vice-chair; requiring quorum; providing for  
16                   travel reimbursement; providing for staff support;  
17                   requiring certain report; providing for  
18                   noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

5 2. Assist landowners and other persons in this state to  
6 identify, evaluate, and implement cost-efficient strategies for  
7 mitigation of impacts to and recovery of endangered species that  
8 will promote economic growth and development in this state;

9 3. Facilitate state agencies and local governmental efforts to  
10 effectively implement endangered species regulations in a cost-  
11 efficient manner;

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

14 5. Work in coordination with the United States Fish and  
15 Wildlife Service, institutions of higher education, and agriculture  
16 and conservation organizations in performing its functions and  
17 duties.

18 B. The task force shall be composed of ten (10) members as  
19 follows:

20 1. One member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro  
21 Tempore of the Senate or designee;

22 2. One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the  
23 Speaker of the House of Representatives or designee;

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- 1 3. The Secretary of Commerce and Tourism or designee;
- 2 4. The Secretary of Environment or designee;
- 3 5. The Secretary of Agriculture or designee;
- 4 6. The chair of the Corporation Commission or designee;
- 5 7. The State Wildlife Conservation Director or designee;
- 6 8. The Director of the Oklahoma Association of Conservation  
7 Districts or designee;
- 8 9. The Director of the Department of Transportation or  
9 designee; and
- 10 10. The Secretary of Energy or designee.

11 C. The appointed members of the task force shall serve at the  
12 pleasure of the appointing authority.

13 D. The chair of the task force shall be the Secretary of  
14 Commerce and Tourism and the vice-chair shall be selected from the  
15 members of the task force.

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

18 F. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for  
19 their service.

20 G. Staff support of the task force shall be provided by the  
21 Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

22 H. The task force shall provide reports as needed on:  
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1 1. Innovative programs to address endangered species issues  
2 while promoting economic growth; and

3 2. Legislative recommendations to the President Pro Tempore of  
4 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
5 Governor by December 31, 2011.

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

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02-24-2011 - DO PASS,  
12 As Amended and Coauthored.

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