

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 11, 2011

3 As Amended

4 ENGROSSED HOUSE

5 BILL NO. 1311

6 By: Richardson of the House

7 and

8 Fields of the Senate

9 **[endangered species - creating the Endangered
Species and Economic Development Task Force -
noncodification -**

10 **emergency]**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 1. One member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro
13 Tempore of the Senate or designee;

14 2. One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the
15 Speaker of the House of Representatives or designee;

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

17 4. The Secretary of Environment or designee;

18 5. The Secretary of Agriculture or designee;

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

20 7. The State Wildlife Conservation Director or designee;

21 8. The Director of the Oklahoma Association of Conservation
22 Districts or designee;

23 9. The Director of the Department of Transportation or
24 designee; and

1 10. The Secretary of Energy or designee.

2 C. The appointed members of the task force shall serve at the
3 pleasure of the appointing authority.

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

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

9 F. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
10 their service.

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

13 H. 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.

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE, dated 4-7-11
24 - DO PASS, As Amended.