

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 28, 2011

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION NO. 24

By: Paddock of the Senate

5 and

6 Martin (Scott) of the House

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8 A Joint Resolution directing certain state agencies
9 to submit report stating progress of implementing
10 state policy for water reuse by certain date; stating
11 requirements of report; and directing distribution.

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

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

19 WHEREAS, no natural resource is more vital to the health,
20 welfare and quality of life of Oklahomans and to the economic well-
21 being of the state than its groundwater and surface water resources;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, in order to preserve the state's invaluable water
2 resources for the benefit of our citizens and its visitors, more
3 efficient use of the available water is necessary; and

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

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

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

18 SECTION 1. The Executive Directors of the Oklahoma Department
19 of Environmental Quality and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board
20 shall submit a report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and
21 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate by January 1, 2013. The
22 report shall detail the progress made to implement the state policy
23 of water reuse. The report shall, at a minimum, describe the means
24 and processes developed for water reuse and the nature of the

1 agencies' efforts to involve the expertise, insight and input, and
2 encourage the collaboration of stakeholders and groups with an
3 interest in water reuse.

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

10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, dated 2-24-11 - DO PASS,
11 As Coauthored.

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