

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 SENATE BILL 1325

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to Water Infrastructure Financing;  
8 creating the Water Infrastructure Financing Task  
9 Force; stating purpose; providing for membership;  
10 requiring appointment by certain date; providing for  
11 travel reimbursement; providing for officers and  
12 administration; requiring report by certain date;  
13 providing termination by certain date; providing for  
14 noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

1 financial model. Given the extraordinary financial resources  
2 required to meet the future water resource needs of our citizens it  
3 is incumbent on this Legislature to begin the process to address  
4 those needs in a timely manner to protect the health, safety and  
5 welfare of all Oklahomans.

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

8 1. The Governor shall appoint five members;

9 2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint five  
10 members of the Senate; and

11 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint  
12 five members of the House of Representatives.

13 Members shall serve without compensation but shall be eligible  
14 to receive travel reimbursement from their appointing authorities  
15 for necessary travel pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma  
16 Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislators serving on the task force  
17 shall receive travel reimburse as provided in Section 456.3 of Title  
18 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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

22 The Governor shall convene the first meeting of the task force  
23 and the members shall determine an appropriate meeting schedule for  
24 future meetings. The members shall elect a chair who will serve as

1 the presiding officer during meetings and perform administrative  
2 functions for the task force. Vacancies occurring on the task force  
3 shall be filled within thirty (30) days by the original appointing  
4 authority.

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

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

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

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