

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1827

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7 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

8 An Act relating to public finance; creating the
9 Emergency Drought Protection Special Fund; requiring
10 the fund to be activated upon certain declaration of
11 drought conditions; providing for drought response
12 activities; providing for expenditure requirements;
13 providing for codification; and declaring an
14 emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 139.50 of Title 62, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The Emergency Drought Protection Special Fund is hereby
20 created in the State Treasury for the Oklahoma Conservation
21 Commission. The Emergency Drought Protection Special Fund is for
22 the purpose of providing cost-share funds to assist persons in
23 defraying costs associated with drought response activities. The
24 fund shall consist of monies transferred to it from funds
appropriated to the Commission for this purpose. The fund shall be

1 a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
2 be under the control and management of the administrative authority
3 of the Commission. Expenditures from the fund shall be pursuant to
4 the laws of this state and rules promulgated by the Commission.

5 B. The fund shall be activated upon a declaration of drought
6 conditions by the Governor. No funds shall be expended without a
7 prior declaration of drought conditions by the Governor. The
8 Governor shall set the funding priorities for each declaration of
9 drought.

10 C. The fund shall be available on a cost-share basis for
11 drought response activities that lack legislative appropriation
12 within the state that may include but shall not be limited to:

- 13 1. Pond cleanup and construction;
- 14 2. Water conservation methods in production agriculture;
- 15 3. Providing of water for livestock;
- 16 4. Rural fire suppression activities as directed by the
17 Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry;
- 18 5. Red cedar eradication;
- 19 6. Soil conservation; and
- 20 7. Any other drought response activities identified by the
21 Governor.

22 D. All expenditures shall be approved by the Commission.
23 Warrants for expenditures from the fund shall be based on claims
24 signed by an authorized employee of the Commission and approved for

1 payment by the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
2 Services.

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

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