

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1036

By: Morrissette

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution expressing desire for the Oklahoma
10 Health Care Authority to establish and fund Empower-
OK; and directing distribution.

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13 WHEREAS, the Legislature in 2010 adopted legislation that
14 provided specific content for the self-directed care, cash and
15 counseling program known as "Empower-OK", which provides
16 alternatives for long-term care to seniors and the disabled; and

17 WHEREAS, such legislation specifically required that the cash
18 and counseling program include:

19 1. Provisions to ensure that existing benefits not be
20 terminated or decreased as a result of such program;

21 2. Provisions to ensure that consumers receive a monthly budget
22 based on the needs of that individual;

1 3. Authority for consumers to use the budget to obtain personal
2 care services and make home modifications to suit the needs of the
3 individual; and

4 4. Counselors available to work with consumers to develop and
5 revise individual budgets; and

6 WHEREAS, despite a zero fiscal impact to initiate Empower-OK,
7 the Oklahoma Health Care Authority has not established a cash and
8 counseling program in accordance with the provisions of Section
9 1011.7 of Title 56 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
11 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

12 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives desires for the
13 Oklahoma Health Care Authority to establish and fund Empower-OK in
14 accordance with Section 1011.7 of Title 56 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

15 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Nico Gomez,
16 Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

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18 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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