

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 26, 2013

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE
4 BILL NO. 1985

By: Brumbaugh of the House

5 and

6 Stanislawski of the Senate

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8 An Act relating to roads, bridges and ferries;
9 creating the Oklahoma Port Task Force; providing
10 purpose; providing for appointment of members;
11 requiring organizational meeting; providing for task
12 force chair, vacancies, quorum and meetings;
13 providing for staff assistance; requiring task force
14 to submit final report; providing for expiration of
15 task force; providing for codification; and declaring
16 an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4019 of Title 69, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Port Task Force. The
22 purpose of the task force is to study and develop a comprehensive
23 plan to accommodate the added burden on Oklahoma ports, roads and
24 bridges resulting from the reopening of the expanded Panama Canal.

B. The Oklahoma Port Task Force shall be composed of the
following nine (9) members:

1. The Governor or designee;

1 2. Two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
2 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

3 3. Two members of the Oklahoma State Senate appointed by the
4 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

5 4. The Director of the Department of Transportation or
6 designee;

7 5. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce or
8 designee; and

9 6. Two of the executive directors of active public ports in
10 this state appointed by the Governor.

11 C. The task force shall conduct an organizational meeting no
12 later than ninety (90) days after the sine die adjournment of the
13 1st Regular Session of the 54th Oklahoma Legislature. A majority of
14 the members present at the organizational meeting or any subsequent
15 meeting shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of any action
16 taken including the preparation and approval of the final report as
17 required by subsection H of this section.

18 D. The chair of the task force shall be chosen by a majority
19 vote of the members of the task force present at the organizational
20 meeting required by subsection C of this section.

21 E. Any vacancy in appointments shall be filled in the same
22 manner as the original appointments.

23 F. The task force shall be authorized to meet as necessary in
24 order to perform the duties imposed upon it. Legislative members of

1 the task force shall be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to
2 the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
3 Other members of the task force shall be reimbursed as provided by
4 the appointing authority.

5 G. Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the
6 Department of Transportation. Entities of state government having
7 information that would be helpful to the task force shall provide
8 such assistance and information to the task force as may be
9 required.

10 H. The task force shall submit a final report to the Governor,
11 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
12 of Representatives on or before December 31, 2014, regarding the
13 findings and recommendations of the task force.

14 I. The task force shall cease to have any authority to take any
15 official action after January 1, 2015, and shall be dissolved by
16 operation of law on February 1, 2015.

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

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
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