

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 1581

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Energy Initiative;
8 amending Sections 3 and 4, Chapter 247, O.S.L. 2012,
9 (17 O.S. Supp. 2013, Sections 802.3 and 802.4), which
10 relate to the Oklahoma Energy Initiative; modifying
11 membership of board; updating title; and declaring an
12 emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 247, O.S.L.
15 2012 (17 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 802.3), is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 Section 802.3. A. The Oklahoma Energy Initiative shall be
18 administered and governed by the Oklahoma Energy Initiative Board,
19 made up of representatives of the contributing institutions of the
20 Initiative which initially shall be the University of Oklahoma,
21 Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City University, the University
22 of Tulsa, and the Noble Foundation. Additional contributing
23 institutions may be added at the discretion of the Board, as such
24 institutions contribute to the purpose, objectives and research
coordinated by the Initiative. Additional contributing institutions

1 may include state, federal, and private agencies, institutions of
2 higher education, nonprofit research institutions, and private
3 entities.

4 B. The Board shall initially consist of ~~eight (8)~~ six (6)
5 members as follows:

6 1. One member, who shall serve as the chair of the Board, shall
7 be the Secretary of Energy and Environment or a member otherwise
8 appointed by the Governor;

9 ~~2. One member of the Senate shall be appointed by the President~~
10 ~~Pro Tempore of the Senate;~~

11 ~~3. One member of the House of Representatives shall be~~
12 ~~appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;~~

13 ~~4.~~ One member shall be the Vice President of Research from the
14 University of Oklahoma or a member otherwise appointed by the
15 President of the University of Oklahoma;

16 ~~5.~~ 3. One member shall be the Vice President of Research from
17 Oklahoma State University or a member otherwise appointed by the
18 President of Oklahoma State University;

19 ~~6.~~ 4. One member shall be the Vice President of Research from
20 the University of Tulsa or a member otherwise appointed by the
21 Governor;

22 ~~7.~~ 5. One member shall be the Vice President of Research from
23 Oklahoma City University or a member otherwise appointed by the
24 Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

1 ~~8.~~ 6. One member who shall represent the Samuel Roberts Noble
2 Foundation appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

3 C. Board members shall serve for a term of four (4) years,
4 which shall begin on January 1 of the first year of the appointment
5 and end on December 31 of the fourth year. There shall be no limit
6 to the number of consecutive terms served. If a vacancy should
7 occur during a member's term, the appointing authority for the
8 vacant position shall appoint a new member to fill the remainder of
9 the unexpired term. Board members shall serve without compensation
10 but may be eligible for necessary travel expenses pursuant to the
11 State Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislators appointed to the Board
12 shall be eligible to receive reimbursement pursuant to Section 456.3
13 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

14 D. The Board shall be responsible for establishing procedures
15 for the Initiative and operations of the Board. The rules may
16 provide for protection from public disclosure of trade secrets and
17 proprietary information of any kind, including, but not limited to,
18 data, processes and technology, as the Board determines necessary.

19 E. The Board shall undertake activities and commission
20 programs, through the contributing institutions, to achieve the
21 purpose and satisfy the objectives of the Initiative as provided in
22 the Oklahoma Energy Initiative Act. The Board shall have authority
23 to distribute funding for such activities and programs. The Board
24 may employ staff as it deems necessary.

1 F. The Board shall prepare an annual, written report to
2 summarize the annual progress of the Initiative, including summaries
3 of its programs and their progress and outcomes. The report shall
4 be made available to the public and shall be distributed to the
5 Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker
6 of the House of Representatives.

7 G. The provisions of The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act shall
8 not apply to any project, activity or contract of the Initiative or
9 the Board.

10 H. No Board member or any person acting on behalf of the Board
11 or Initiative executing any contracts, commitments or agreements
12 issued by or on behalf of the Oklahoma Energy Initiative shall be
13 personally liable for the contracts, commitments, or agreements or
14 be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason
15 thereof. No director or any person acting on behalf of the Board
16 or Initiative shall be personally liable for damage or injury
17 resulting from the performance of duties hereunder.

18 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 247, O.S.L.
19 2012 (17 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 802.4), is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 Section 802.4. A. There is hereby created in the State
22 Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Energy Initiative to be
23 designated as the "Oklahoma Energy Initiative Revolving Fund". The
24 fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year

1 limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the
2 Secretary of Energy and Environment or any other entity authorized
3 to accept or expend funds on behalf of the Oklahoma Energy
4 Initiative from any authorized source. All monies accruing to the
5 credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and
6 expended by the Oklahoma Energy Initiative for the purpose of
7 satisfying the objectives of the Oklahoma Energy Initiative Act.

8 B. State appropriations for the Initiative shall be made as
9 otherwise provided by law and shall be directed to the Secretary of
10 Energy, or to an agency otherwise directed by the Governor, which
11 shall directly allocate the appropriations to the Initiative.

12 C. The Initiative is authorized to accept donations, grants or
13 endowments from any person, corporation or entity to achieve the
14 purpose and satisfy the objectives of the Initiative as provided by
15 this act.

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

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