

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 626

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Department of Transportation
8 Staffing and Consulting Task Force; creating task
9 force; stating purpose; stating membership; requiring
10 appointments by certain date; providing for staffing
11 and travel reimbursement; providing for
12 administrative support; requiring report by certain
13 date; directing distribution; 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 until December 1, 2014, the
19 "Department of Transportation Staffing and Consulting Task Force"
20 for the purpose of studying and evaluating the number of staff and
21 consultants employed and retained by the Department of
22 Transportation. The task force shall also address any other
23 pertinent issues it deems necessary to carry out the scope of the
24 study.

B. The Department of Transportation Staffing and Consulting
Task Force shall consist of ten (10) members, as follows:

- 1 1. The Secretary of Transportation, or a designee;
- 2 2. A Representative from a transportation advocacy group
- 3 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 4 3. A Representative from a road and bridge organization
- 5 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- 6 4. A Representative from Oklahoma Management and Enterprise
- 7 Services, Human Capital Management Division;
- 8 5. Three (3) members of the Oklahoma State Senate, appointed by
- 9 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and
- 10 6. Three (3) members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
- 11 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

12 Any vacancy on the task force shall be filled in the same manner
13 as the original appointment.

14 The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the
15 House of Representatives shall each designate one of the legislative
16 members appointed to the task force to serve as cochair.

17 Appointments made pursuant to this section shall be finalized no
18 later than July 1, 2013.

19 The cochair shall convene the first meeting of the task force.
20 The task force shall meet as often as it deems necessary. Members
21 of the task force shall serve without compensation. Nonlegislative
22 task force members employed by the state shall be reimbursed for
23 travel expenses related to their service on the task force by their
24 appointing authority in accordance with the provisions of the State

1 Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislative members of the task force
2 shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in
3 the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of
4 Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

5 Administrative support for the task force shall be provided by
6 the Department of Transportation to be supplemented, if necessary,
7 by the staff of the Senate and the House of Representatives. All
8 participating state agencies shall provide for any administrative
9 support as requested by the task force.

10 C. The task force shall report its findings and recommendations
11 to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the
12 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Oklahoma
13 Transportation Commission on or before December 1, 2014. The report
14 shall be prepared by the staff of the Department of Transportation.

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

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