HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION 1035 By: Hickman of the House

and

Bingman of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution expressing the legislative intent of House Joint Resolution No. 1012 of the 1st Session of the 55th Oklahoma Legislature; stating that the proposed constitutional amendment will ensure certain protections; stating the proposed constitutional amendment is intended to prevent certain government regulations and restrictions; stating the intent of the proposed constitutional amendment is to provide certain communications; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution No. 1012 passed the Oklahoma Legislature during the first session of Oklahoma's 55th Legislature in 2015 and will propose a state question that, if approved, would amend the Oklahoma State Constitution to guarantee farming and ranching practices in this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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SECTION 1. The legislative intent of the proposed constitutional amendment in House Joint Resolution No. 1012 is to ensure that Oklahoma's citizens have access to a secure, nutritious, abundant and diverse food supply at a reasonable cost and to preserve and protect agriculture as a vital part of Oklahoma's economy that provides direct employment opportunities as well as a significant impact to intrastate, interstate, and international commerce and trade.

The proposed constitutional amendment should be construed to give the greatest possible defense and deference to Oklahoma's farmers and ranchers.

The proposed constitutional amendment is intended to prevent unreasonable regulations and government restrictions that inhibit the ability of Oklahoma's farmers and ranchers to utilize their knowledge, expertise, judgment, technology and commonly accepted standards and practices to produce food and animals. Regulations should only be passed that meet a compelling state interest and only be utilized when an immediate danger exists to the health, safety or welfare of the public. An example of compelling state interest would include, but not be limited to, protecting public drinking water and preventing the growing of illegal substances.

The proposed constitutional amendment is intended to send a clear signal that Oklahoma recognizes and asserts its sovereign interest in protecting its agricultural economy and agricultural

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community from overregulation and unnecessary government interference, in order to preserve and ensure the security of its citizen's food supply and the state's economic prosperity.

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

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