

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 4

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7 A Resolution relating to state purchasing policies;
8 directing examination of state purchasing policies
9 relating to products installed, used or stored in
10 occupied buildings for certain purpose; requiring
11 recommendation of certain authority relating to
12 environmentally preferable purchasing; and directing
13 distribution.

14 WHEREAS, according to the United States Environmental Protection
15 Agency, the average American citizen spends ninety percent of his or
16 her time indoors; and

17 WHEREAS, occupied public buildings, including libraries, public
18 schools and universities, health-care facilities, office buildings
19 and more, welcome millions of people each and every day; and

20 WHEREAS, according to the Government Accountability Office,
21 fifteen thousand public schools in this country circulate air of
22 unsatisfactory quality; and

23 WHEREAS, indoor air quality in public buildings is impacted by
24 the products and materials governments purchase every day that are

1 stored and used, including the permanent building elements from
2 which the building is constructed and finished; and

3 WHEREAS, an environmentally preferable purchasing policy
4 requires governments and public entities to use products or services
5 that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the
6 environment in comparison to competing products or services that
7 serve the same purpose; and

8 WHEREAS, various organizations and industries have collaborated
9 to develop tools, such as GreenScreen benchmark, Cradle to Cradle,
10 Health Product Declarations, and others that can be used to identify
11 products that reduce potential adverse environmental or health
12 impacts; and

13 WHEREAS, environmentally preferable purchasing policies direct
14 agency departments and their subsidiaries to adhere to purchasing
15 guidelines intended to mitigate any negative impacts of government
16 purchasing on human and environment health.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
18 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

19 THAT the State Purchasing Director is hereby directed to examine
20 the state's purchasing policies, especially for those products that
21 when installed, used or stored in buildings, to:

22 1. Establish preferences for products and materials for which
23 both ingredients and their health impacts are transparent and
24 available;

1 2. Fully implement existing state policies with respect to
2 selecting products with lesser environmental and health impacts,
3 including the use of available tools to identify environmentally
4 preferable products; and

5 3. Make recommendations to the Legislature regarding
6 legislative authorizations necessary to further promote state
7 purchasing policies designed to lessen negative environmental
8 impacts on the citizens of this state.

9 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Governor
10 and the Director of State Purchasing at the Office of Management and
11 Enterprise Services.

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