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1 citizens, the public policy of this state is to promote and support  
2 the planning and development of long-term water projects to achieve  
3 this policy through the use of programs and incentives that first  
4 seek to maximize the efficient use of water resources available  
5 within each region. The Legislature finds that prioritizing efforts  
6 to more efficiently develop our state's water resources to meet the  
7 needs of all areas within the state is consistent with the  
8 provisions of Section 105.12 of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes.  
9 Provided, however, that nothing in this act shall be construed as  
10 amending the provisions of law pertaining to rights or permits to  
11 use water.

12 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1021.3 of Title 82, unless there  
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 The Oklahoma Water Resources Board may complete studies that  
16 will contribute to the implementation of the policy recommendations  
17 of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan and identify practical and  
18 efficient water resource management options. The Board may  
19 contract, based upon the availability of funds, with a private  
20 company, nonprofit or academic institution to assist with the  
21 studies. The subject of the studies shall include but are not  
22 limited to:

23 1. Addressing Oklahoma's projected water and wastewater  
24 infrastructure need between the effective date of this act and 2060

1 by conducting a statewide infrastructure needs assessment, including  
2 an assessment of potential water system efficiencies and incentives  
3 and reviewing both traditional and nontraditional funding  
4 mechanisms;

5 2. Assisting nonregulatory local stakeholders and regional  
6 water planning groups in identifying efficiencies, incentives and  
7 priorities for long-term solutions to water supply needs;

8 3. Coordinating potential federal, state, tribal, local and  
9 corporation partnership opportunities for financing and incentives  
10 to develop plans, technical studies and related projects; and

11 4. Identifying innovative solutions to forecasted water  
12 shortages with the goal of maintaining water use at current levels  
13 through 2060 by considering the initiatives recommended by the Water  
14 for 2060 Advisory Council, including the implementation of a  
15 statewide water conservation campaign, and continuing the  
16 interdisciplinary Produced Water Working Group to identify  
17 alternatives and opportunities for the beneficial use of produced  
18 water.

19 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1021.4 of Title 82, unless there  
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall encourage and assist  
23 local and regional groups to develop water plans and projects to  
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1 efficiently maximize the use of water resources within this state,  
2 including, but not limited to:

3 1. Voluntary consolidation and regionalization of existing  
4 infrastructure and water supplies in order to utilize limited  
5 resources most efficiently;

6 2. Maximizing existing reservoirs through activities such as  
7 providing financing for raising dams, reallocating existing storage  
8 pools and the dredging of reservoirs;

9 3. Increasing water storage and minimizing transportation and  
10 evaporative losses of water used for agricultural purposes;

11 4. Managing or augmenting aquifer storage through activities  
12 such as the land application or injection of excess fresh, marginal  
13 or recycled water; and

14 5. Implementing conservation measures, such as system water  
15 loss audits, conservation education programs, technical assistance  
16 with long-term planning, water reuse projects and system  
17 sustainability projects.

18 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
19 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

20 The Oklahoma Water Resources Board is authorized to promulgate  
21 rules as necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

22 ~~SECTION 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 2018.~~

23 ~~SECTION 7. It being immediately necessary for the preservation~~  
24 ~~of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby~~

1 ~~declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and~~  
2 ~~be in full force from and after its passage and approval.~~

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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 04/10/2018 - DO PASS,  
5 As Amended.

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