

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION  
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 3166

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7 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

8 An Act relating to a Southeast Asia Trade Office;  
9 creating Southeast Asia Trade Office; stating duties  
10 and responsibilities; requiring certain office  
11 location; providing for codification; providing an  
12 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5008.10 of Title 74, unless  
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. There is hereby created the Southeast Asia Trade Office.

18 B. The Trade Office shall be an administrative component of the  
19 Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

20 C. The Trade Office shall:

21 1. Facilitate economic relationships between Oklahoma  
22 businesses and business entities the principal business activity of  
23 which is based in or which occurs in southeast Asia, including but  
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1 not limited to, Taiwan, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, Brunei, Cambodia,  
2 Singapore, Thailand, and Malaysia;

3 2. Promote Oklahoma business and establishing business-to-  
4 business trading activity within the southeast Asia region;

5 3. Use its resources to provide information about business  
6 trading opportunities in southeast Asia to Oklahoma businesses;

7 4. Facilitate positive relationships between the State of  
8 Oklahoma and its political subdivisions with the relevant  
9 governments in the southeast Asia trading region consistent with  
10 United States foreign policy and any applicable trade or travel  
11 restrictions;

12 5. Coordinate the activities of the Oklahoma Department of  
13 Commerce with respect to business outreach in southeast Asia;

14 6. Coordinate, organize, support and, within available fiscal  
15 resources, fund travel from Oklahoma to southeast Asia and return as  
16 part of an ongoing mission to establish and maintain positive  
17 relationships between Oklahoma and countries in the region with the  
18 objective of creating trade opportunities for Oklahoma business  
19 enterprises;

20 7. Coordinate actions taking place at the federal level,  
21 without interfering with the duties or responsibilities of any  
22 federal agency or instrumentality, which have as their primary  
23 objective the promotion of business-to-business transactions between  
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1 entities in southeast Asia and the United States with emphasis on  
2 promoting Oklahoma business activity;

3 8. Conduct training programs for Oklahoma business owners to  
4 inform them of potential trading opportunities with entities in  
5 southeast Asia;

6 9. Produce promotional and educational materials for  
7 distribution by business organizations, trade associations, or  
8 similar entities consistent with the mission of the Trade Office;  
9 and

10 10. Take such other actions or develop such programs consistent  
11 with the mission of developing business-to-business opportunities  
12 between entities in southeast Asia and Oklahoma-based business  
13 enterprises.

14 D. The Southeast Asia Trade Office shall maintain a physical  
15 office in Taipei, Taiwan.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

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

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