

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3166

By: Strom, Pae, and Phillips of
the House

3 and

4 Pederson of the Senate

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6 [Southeast Asia Trade Office - responsibilities -
7 effective date -

8 emergency]

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

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

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

16 B. The Trade Office shall be an administrative component of the
17 Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

18 C. The Trade Office shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
16 of the public peace, health or 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.

1 Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 2022.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

5 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2022.

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