

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3305

By: McBride and **Bennett** of the
House

and

McCortney of the Senate

10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Ireland Trade
12 Commission; providing for membership prescribing
13 terms; prescribing qualifications for certain
14 members; providing for filling of vacancies;
15 providing for removal of members; providing for
16 frequency of meetings; prescribing quorum
17 requirement; providing for creation of committees and
18 subcommittees; providing for retention of records;
19 providing for staff assistance; imposing duties on
20 Commission; requiring report; requiring
21 recommendations; authorizing receipt of various
22 revenues; providing for codification; and providing
23 an effective date.

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

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 691 of Title 74, unless there is
23 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 A. There is hereby established the Oklahoma Ireland

1 Trade Commission. The Commission shall consist of nine (9) members,
2 to be appointed as follows:

3 1. Two persons to be appointed by the Governor;

4 2. Two persons to be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma
5 House of Representatives;

6 3. Two persons to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
7 the Oklahoma State Senate;

8 4. A person to be appointed by the minority leader of the
9 Oklahoma House of Representatives;

10 5. A person to be appointed by the minority leader of the
11 Oklahoma State Senate; and

12 6. A person to be appointed by the Executive Director of the
13 Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

14 B. The two members selected by the Governor, the Speaker of the
15 Oklahoma House of Representatives, and President Pro Tempore of the
16 Oklahoma State Senate, respectively, shall each be a representative
17 of either:

18 1. An Oklahoma public institution of higher learning;

19 2. The Irish American community in Oklahoma who is interested
20 in furthering trade between Oklahoma and Ireland;

21 3. An Oklahoma industry engaged in or seeking to engage in
22 trade with Ireland; or

23 4. An Oklahoma business association, trade organization,
24 economic development organization or chamber of commerce currently

1 engaged in or interested in engaging in the furtherance of trade
2 with Ireland.

3 C. Legislative members shall serve for the two-year biennial
4 legislative session in which they are appointed to the Commission
5 and shall remain members of the Legislature in order to retain
6 membership on the Commission. Vacancies of legislative members
7 during a term shall be filled in the same manner as the original
8 appointment only for the unexpired part of the term. The appointing
9 authority for the legislative member may remove the member and
10 substitute another appointee for the member at any time. Members
11 may be reappointed.

12 D. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original
13 appointment only for the unexpired part of the term.

14 E. The appointing authority for the member may remove the
15 member and substitute another appointee for the member at any time.

16 F. The Commission shall hold meetings at least once each
17 quarter. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair.

18 G. A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute
19 a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Commission.

20 H. The chair may appoint from among the Commission members
21 subcommittees and subcommittee chairs.

22 I. The Commission shall keep records of all proceedings which
23 shall be public and open to inspection.

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1 J. Staff assistance shall be provided by the Oklahoma House of
2 Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate.

3 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 692 of Title 74, unless there is
5 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. The purpose of the Oklahoma Ireland Trade Commission shall
7 be to advance, promote, and encourage business and other mutually
8 beneficial activities between Oklahoma and Ireland, including:

- 9 1. Bilateral trade and investment;
 - 10 2. Joint action on policy issues of mutual interest;
 - 11 3. Business and academic exchanges;
 - 12 4. Mutual economic support;
 - 13 5. Mutual investment in the respective infrastructure; and
 - 14 6. Other opportunities for mutual benefit and economic growth
- 15 as identified by the Commission.

16 B. The Commission shall report its findings, activities,
17 results, and recommendations to the Governor, the Speaker of the
18 Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of
19 the Oklahoma State Senate within one (1) year of its initial meeting
20 and by February 1st of each succeeding year for the activities of
21 the preceding calendar year. The report shall be in writing and may
22 include recommendations or proposed legislation as deemed
23 appropriate by the Commission to effectuate its purpose.

1 C. The Oklahoma Ireland Trade Commission shall be authorized to
2 raise funds, through direct solicitation or other fundraising
3 events, alone, or with other groups, and accept gifts, grants, and
4 bequests from individuals, corporations, foundations, governmental
5 agencies, and public and private organizations and institutions, to
6 carry out its purposes.

7 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/28/2024 - DO PASS,
10 As Amended and Coauthored.
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