1 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 3 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023) ENGROSSED SENATE 4 BILL NO. 976 By: Murdock and Bullard of the 5 Senate 6 and Newton of the House 7 8 9 An Act relating to fish and wildlife; creating the Invasive Species Task Force; stating purpose; providing for membership; establishing leadership for 10 Task Force; providing for reimbursement; allowing for additional administration if necessary; directing 11 Task Force to provide report to the Legislature by certain time; providing for codification; and 12 providing an effective date. 13 14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-316 of Title 29, unless there 17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: 18 There is hereby created the "Invasive Species Task Force". 19 20 The purpose of the Task Force is to study and make recommendations of appropriate measures to combat and slow the spread of invasive 21 species in this state in order to protect Oklahoma's wildlife 22 habitats. 23

The Task Force shall consist of ten (10) members:

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1. Two members representing the Department of Wildlife 2 Conservation:

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- 2. Two members representing the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry;
- 5 3. Two members representing the Oklahoma Conservation 6 Commission;
 - 4. Two members representing Oklahoma State University Extension Service; and
 - 5. Two members representing Murray State College.
 - C. The appointed members from the Department of Wildlife

 Conservation shall serve as co-chairs of the Task Force. The co
 chairs shall convene the first meeting of the Task Force. The Task

 Force shall meet as often as necessary.
- D. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by January 1, 2024.
 - E. If applicable, members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed by their respective entities for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of duties pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.
- 20 F. Administrative support for the Task Force including, but not
 21 limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of
 22 the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force shall be provided,
 23 if necessary, by the representative entities involved in the Task
 24 Force.

1	G. The Task Force shall publish a report of findings and
2	recommendations to the Legislature by September 1, 2024, including
3	recommendations for any resulting legislation.
4	SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.
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