

SENATE FLOOR VERSION

February 26, 2024

SENATE BILL NO. 1755

By: Haste of the Senate

and

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An Act relating to affordable housing; creating a task force to study and make recommendations for policy needs to provide affordable housing in this state; providing expiration date; providing for membership; providing for designation of co-chairs; requiring appointments by certain date; requiring organization meeting by certain date; specifying quorum; providing for frequency of meetings; subjecting meetings to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; prohibiting compensation or travel reimbursement for members; requiring submission of certain report by certain date; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2904 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2025, a task force to study and make recommendations to the Legislature regarding the current and future policy needs of the state to address affordable housing.

1 B. The task force shall be comprised of thirteen (13) members
2 to be appointed as follows:

3 1. One member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro
4 Tempore of the Senate, who shall be designated co-chair of the task
5 force;

6 2. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the
7 Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be designated co-
8 chair of the task force;

9 3. A member of a private economic development support
10 organization in Oklahoma, appointed by the Governor;

11 4. A member representing a homebuilders' association, appointed
12 by the Governor;

13 5. A member representing a residential housing construction
14 company, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

15 6. A member of a state chamber of commerce in Oklahoma in a
16 county with a population less than one hundred thousand (100,000)
17 people, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

18 7. A member from a federally recognized tribe in Oklahoma,
19 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

20 8. A member representing a nonprofit organization providing
21 assistance to affordable housing for low-income citizens in this
22 state, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

1 9. A member representing a financial institution serving in a
2 county with a population less than one hundred thousand (100,000)
3 people, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

4 10. A member representing an organization assisting special
5 populations including, but not limited to, individuals with
6 disabilities, veterans, or children transitioning out of foster
7 care, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

8 11. A commissioner from the Oklahoma Tax Commission;

9 12. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, or his
10 or her designee; and

11 13. A member representing the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency;

12 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made within thirty
13 (30) days after the effective date of this act. The task force
14 shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than September 1,
15 2024.

16 D. A quorum of the task force shall be required to approve any
17 final action of the task force. For purposes of this section, seven
18 members shall constitute a quorum.

19 E. The task force may meet as often as may be required to
20 perform the duties imposed upon it.

21 F. The meetings of the task force shall be subject to the
22 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

23 G. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation or
24 travel reimbursement.

1 H. The task force shall submit a report electronically of its
2 findings and recommendations by November 30, 2025, to the Governor,
3 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
4 House of Representatives.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

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

10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE
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