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AS AMENDED

By: Murdock

An Act relating to **harmful** woody species; requiring certain reporting; identifying certain agencies and institutions; requiring certain report transmission; defining certain term; 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 126 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. State agencies and public institutions listed in subsection B of this section shall prepare a report that includes:

1. Documented efforts and associated costs within the past ten (10) years to eradicate **harmful** woody species;

2. An estimate of the amount of acreage owned by **or under the control of** the state agency or public institution covered by **harmful** woody species;

3. A plan on future eradication efforts on the property of the state agency or public institution of **harmful** woody species within the next five (5) years;

4. The associated costs of the future eradication efforts; **and**

1 **5. A listing of land owned, leased, or controlled by right-of-**
2 **way by the agency.**

3 B. State agencies and public institutions required to prepare a
4 report pursuant to subsection A of this section are as follows:

- 5 1. The Commissioners of the Land Office;
- 6 2. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry;
- 7 3. The Department of Corrections;
- 8 4. The Grand River Dam Authority;
- 9 5. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department;
- 10 6. The Department of Transportation;
- 11 7. The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority;
- 12 8. The Department of Wildlife Conservation; and
- 13 9. Any public universities or technical schools of this state.

14 C. State agencies and public institutions required to prepare a
15 report pursuant to this section shall transmit the report
16 electronically to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the
17 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the
18 Office of Management and Enterprise Services by January 1, 2024.

19 D. As used in this section, "**harmful** woody species" **is limited**
20 **to:**

- 21 1. Juniperus virginiana or the eastern red cedar;
- 22 2. Tamarix ramosissima or the salt cedar;
- 23 3. Juniperus scopulorum or the Rocky Mountain juniper;
- 24 4. **Juniperus monosperma or oneseed juniper; and**

1 **5.** Prosopis glandulosa or the honey mesquite.

2 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
3 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
4 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
5 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS
7 February 13, 2023 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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