

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 23, 2023

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 851

By: Bullard and Burns of the  
Senate

and

Humphrey of the House

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9 **[ water and water rights - codification - effective  
10 date ]**

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1702 of Title 82, unless there  
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A "basin integrity study" means a scientific study to determine  
17 sustainable instream flow regimes tailored for certain basins in  
18 certain seasons in this state. Results of such studies shall meet  
19 the demand of consumptive and nonconsumptive uses including, but not  
20 limited to, sustainable growth, water quality, tourism, economic  
21 development, agricultural, environmental, industrial, and municipal.  
22 A basin integrity study shall not be construed as a means to revoke  
23 private water rights or interfere with senior water permitting.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
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