

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1252

By: Burns

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state parks; transferring the Hugo Lake Park to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department; authorizing Department to establish funds and accounts for the servicing of fiscal operations of the state park; exempting the Department from certain tort claims arising or accruing prior to certain date; providing for succession related to contraction rights, rents, obligations, and responsibilities; providing for promulgation of rules for the transfer; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 2229.1C of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. By January 1, 2025, all properties held in fee title, lease or otherwise, including interests in land, real estate options, or real estate contracts designated for Hugo Lake Park are hereby transferred to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department.

1 B. Appropriate conveyances and other documents shall be
2 executed by January 1, 2025, to effectuate the transfer of Hugo Lake
3 Park.

4 C. The Department shall establish appropriate funds and
5 accounts, including a revolving fund in the Office of Management and
6 Enterprise Services, for servicing the fiscal operations of the
7 park. Such funds and accounts shall be subject to the direct
8 supervision, management, and control of the Department.

9 D. The Department shall not be responsible for any claims
10 arising under The Governmental Tort Claims Act accrued prior to
11 January 1, 2025, claims arising from any other actions accrued prior
12 to January 1, 2025, or tort claims arising prior to January 1, 2025,
13 for which no claim has accrued upon the date of transfer. The
14 Department shall not be responsible for any claims arising out of
15 construction begun before January 1, 2025, at Hugo Lake Park.

16 E. 1. The Department shall succeed to any contractual rights
17 and responsibilities of the previous operators of Hugo Lake Park,
18 including but not limited to:

19 a. any responsibilities for payment of rents or other
20 obligations, and

21 b. any responsibilities related to contractual agreements
22 with nonprofit organizations.

23 2. The Department may enter into one or more contracts for
24 management services of the state park. The duties and benefits

1 arising under any contract for management services of any part of
2 the previous operators that is in effect on January 1, 2025, shall
3 be assigned to the Department. The contract may be renewable at the
4 option of the Department but not to exceed a cumulative period of
5 fifty (50) years.

6 F. The Department shall promulgate the rules necessary for the
7 transfer of property from Hugo Lake Park to the Oklahoma state park
8 system.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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