

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2988 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Amendment submitted by: Mike Dobrinski

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE
4 SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2988

By: Dobrinski

7 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to environment and natural resources;
9 amending Section 1, Chapter 372, O.S.L. 2023 (27A
10 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 3-8-101), which relates to
11 the Terry Peach North Canadian Watershed Restoration
12 Act; renaming act to the Terry Peach Water
13 Restoration Act; Section 2, Chapter 372, O.S.L. 2023
14 (27A O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 3-8-102), which relates
15 to a pilot program to remove harmful woody species;
16 amending definitions; making the pilot program a
17 statewide program; amending Section 3, Chapter 372,
18 O.S.L. 2023 (27A O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 3-8-103),
19 which relates to the North Canadian Watershed
20 Restoration Revolving Fund; renaming fund; changing
21 purpose of fund; and providing an effective date.

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

23 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 372, O.S.L.
24 2023 (27A O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 3-8-101), is amended to read as
follows:

Section 3-8-101. This act shall be known and may be cited as
the "Terry Peach ~~North Canadian Watershed~~ Water Restoration Act".

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 372, O.S.L.
2 2023 (27A O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 3-8-102), is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 Section 3-8-102. A. As used in the Terry Peach ~~North Canadian~~
5 ~~Watershed~~ Water Restoration Act:

6 1. "Commission" means the Oklahoma Conservation Commission;

7 2. "Harmful woody species" means a tree or shrub species that
8 is rapidly encroaching into adjoining lands and is likely to cause
9 harm to the environment or economy. Harmful woody species include,
10 but are not limited to, *Juniperus virginiana* (Eastern Redcedar),
11 *Juniperus scopulorum* (Rocky Mountain juniper), *Juniperus monosperma*
12 (oneseed juniper) ~~and~~, *Tamarix ramosissima* (salt cedar), *Juniperus*
13 *pinchotii* (Redberry juniper), *Juniper ashei* (ashe juniper), and
14 *Prosopis glandulosa* (honey mesquite); and

15 3. "~~North Canadian~~ Watershed" means ~~the~~ an area of land in
16 Oklahoma that drains or sheds water into ~~the North Canadian River a~~
17 waterway or water basin.

18 B. There is hereby created a ~~pilot~~ statewide program to remove
19 or eradicate harmful woody species in ~~the North Canadian Watershed~~
20 watersheds to be administered by the Oklahoma Conservation
21 Commission. To accomplish the goals listed in this section, the
22 Commission is authorized to use the funds available in the ~~North~~
23 ~~Canadian Watershed~~ Water Restoration Revolving Fund established in
24 ~~Section 3 of this act~~ Section 3-8-103 of this title. The purpose of

1 the program is to manage and eradicate, where possible, harmful
2 woody species that damage grazing lands, create significant wildfire
3 risk, reduce wildlife habitat and reduce water flow into ~~the North~~
4 Canadian River waterways and water basins.

5 C. In administering the ~~pilot~~ program, the Commission shall:

6 1. Cooperate with landowners, state agencies, and other
7 political subdivisions for removal of harmful woody species;

8 2. Measure the density of harmful woody species and estimate
9 water used by those species;

10 3. Create a study using a parallel watershed with no control of
11 harmful woody species;

12 4. Utilize available funds to cost-share with landowners for
13 expenses incurred in the eradication of harmful woody species by
14 prescribed burn, biological controls, mechanical removal, or
15 herbicide applications;

16 5. Develop grant programs with conservation districts, rural
17 fire departments, and prescribe burn associations for resources
18 needed for prescribed burns, mechanical removal, biological control,
19 or herbicide applications on harmful woody species;

20 6. Bring attention to the problems posed by harmful woody
21 species to create awareness, demonstrate value to all stakeholders,
22 and encourage landowners to participate in the program; and

23 7. Have at least two active project areas in the program, one
24 above the Canton Lake dam and one below.

1 D. The Commission is authorized to promulgate any rules and
2 procedures to effectuate the provisions of this section.

3 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 372, O.S.L.
4 2023 (27A O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 3-8-103), is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 Section 3-8-103. There is hereby created in the State Treasury
7 a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to be
8 designated the "~~North Canadian Watershed~~ Water Restoration Revolving
9 Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal
10 year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the
11 Conservation Commission from appropriations, federal grants or
12 funds, municipal contributions, private contributions, and any other
13 sources, including interest earned from the income in the fund, that
14 are designated for deposit to such fund or designated for duties
15 associated with harmful woody species removal from ~~the North~~
16 ~~Canadian Watershed~~ watersheds throughout the state. All monies
17 accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may
18 be budgeted and expended by the Conservation Commission to perform
19 the duties imposed on the Commission by law. Expenditures from said
20 fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer
21 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the
22 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and
23 payment.

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1 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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