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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President:
Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

HB1728

By: Moore of the House and Murdock of the Senate

Title: Invasive cedar; creating the Salt Cedar Eradication Act; defining terms; creating certain program; rules; report; effective date; emergency.








Together with Engrossed Senate Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

1. Conferees are unable to agree.

Respectfully submitted,

House Action _____ Date _____ Senate Action _____ Date _____

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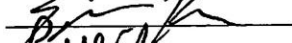
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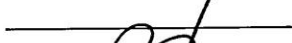
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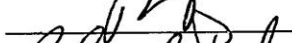
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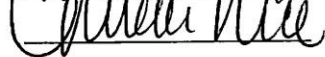
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1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENTS
TO
2 ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1728
By: Moore, Archer and Menz of
the House
and
Murdock of the Senate

7 An Act relating to invasive Salt Cedars; creating the
Salt Cedar Eradication Act; defining terms; creating
8 certain program; directing the Oklahoma Conservation
Commission to oversee and implement the program along
9 with cooperation from certain state agencies;
authorizing the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to
10 utilize certain funds; stating purpose of program;
listing certain duties; authorizing the promulgation
11 of rules and procedures; requiring certain annual
report; creating the Salt Cedar Eradication Revolving
12 Fund; providing for content of fund; providing for
deposits and expenditures; providing for
13 codification; providing an effective date; and
declaring an emergency.

16 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the title

17 AMENDMENT NO. 2. Page 2, line 6, insert after the word "Upper" and
before the word "Red", the words "North Fork of
18 the"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 3. Page 2, lines 13-14, insert after the word "Upper"
on line 13, and before the word "Red" on line 14,
20 the words "North Fork of the"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 4. Page 2, line 21, insert after the word "Upper" and
before the word "Red", the words "North Fork of
22 the"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 5. Page 3, line 6, insert after the word "Upper" and
before the word "Red", the words "North Fork of
24 the"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 6. Page 4, line 18, insert after the word "Upper" and
2 before the word "Red", the words "North Fork of
3 the"

4 Passed the Senate the 8th day of May, 2025.

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6 Presiding Officer of the Senate

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8 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
9 2025.

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11 Presiding Officer of the House
12 of Representatives

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1728

By: Moore, Archer and Menz of
the House

3 and

4 Murdock of the Senate
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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 3-8-201 of Title 27A, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Salt Cedar
Eradication Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-8-202 of Title 27A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this act:

1. "Eligible landowners" means private, tribal, and public landowners in Oklahoma counties within the Upper Red River Basin;

2. "Eradication" means the removal or substantial reduction of Salt Cedar populations to a level where they no longer pose a significant threat; and

3. "Salt Cedar" means all species within the genus Tamarix identified as invasive or noxious in Oklahoma.

B. There is hereby created a program to control and eradicate invasive Salt Cedar species in Oklahoma counties within the Upper Red River Basin and is to be administered by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission in collaboration with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. To accomplish the goals listed in this section, the Commission is authorized to use the funds available in the Salt Cedar Eradication Revolving Fund established in Section 3 of this act. The purpose of the program is to manage and eradicate invasive Salt Cedar species in Oklahoma counties within the Upper Red River Basin, to enhance water resources, restore native ecosystems, and protect agricultural productivity.

1 C. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission, in collaboration with
2 the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry and the
3 Oklahoma Water Resources Board, shall establish and oversee the Salt
4 Cedar eradication program which shall include:

5 1. Conducting surveys to identify and map Salt Cedar
6 infestations in Oklahoma counties within the Upper Red River Basin;

7 2. Developing and implementing science-based eradication
8 strategies, including mechanical removal, chemical treatments, and
9 biological controls;

10 3. Providing technical and financial assistance to eligible
11 landowners; and

12 4. Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of eradication
13 efforts.

14 D. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission shall establish
15 guidelines for participation, including cost-sharing arrangements
16 and reimbursement opportunities.

17 E. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission is authorized to
18 promulgate any rules and procedures to effectuate the provisions of
19 this act.

20 F. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission shall submit an annual
21 report to the Governor, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
22 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State
23 Senate, and the chairs of the appropriation committees of the
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Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate
outlining the following:

1. Progress of eradication efforts;
2. Expenditures and funding needs; and
3. Recommendations for continued Salt Cedar management.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-8-203 of Title 27A, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to be designated the "Salt
Cedar Eradication Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing
fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of
all monies received by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission from
appropriations, federal grants or funds, municipal contributions,
private contributions, and any other sources, including interest
earned from the income in the fund, that are designated for deposit
to such fund or designated for duties associated with removal and
eradication of Salt Cedars in Oklahoma counties within the Upper Red
River Basin. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are
hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma
Conservation Commission to perform the duties imposed on the
Commission by law. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon
warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as

1 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and
2 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

3 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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

8 Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of February,
9 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the _____ day of _____, 2025.

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