

OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE  
CONFERENCE  
COMMITTEE REPORT

May 15, 2025

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

SB951

By: Murdock of the Senate and Archer of the House

Title: Commissioners of the Land Office; providing for appraisal of improvements of certain improvements; directing certain reimbursement. Effective date.




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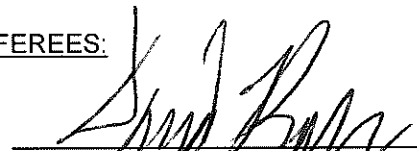

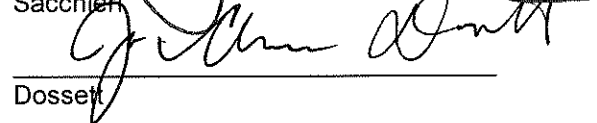
together with Engrossed House Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

1. That the House recede from all Amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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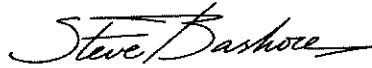
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General Conference Committee on Appropriations

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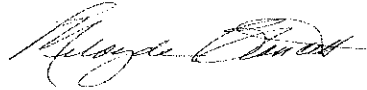
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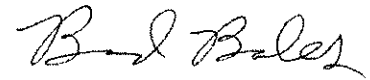
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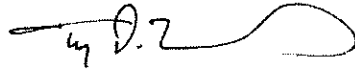
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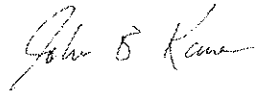
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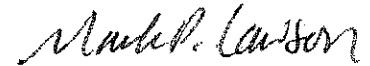
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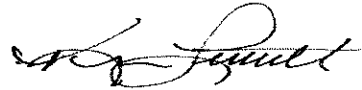
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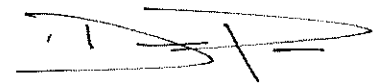
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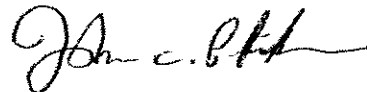


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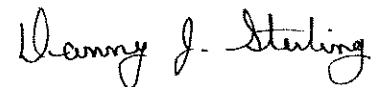
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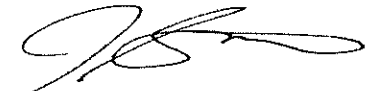
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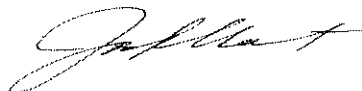


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1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENTS

2 TO

3 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 951

By: Murdock of the Senate

and

Archer of the House

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7 An Act relating to the Commissioners of the Land  
8 Office; amending 64 O.S. 2021, Section 1023, which  
9 relates to the granting of commercial and  
10 agricultural leases; providing for appraisal of  
11 certain improvements; directing certain lease to  
12 require certain reimbursement; providing condition  
13 for lease default; prohibiting charging of certain  
14 fees; providing for promulgation of rules; updating  
15 statutory reference; updating statutory language; and  
16 providing an effective date.

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21 AUTHOR: Add the following House Coauthor: Burns

22 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, lines 6 through 10 1/2, strike the title  
23 to read:

24 "[ Commissioners of the Land Office - commercial and  
agricultural leases - appraisal of improvements -  
reimbursement - default - fees - rules - effective  
date ]"

AMENDMENT NO. 2. Page 1, line 13, strike the enacting clause

1 Passed the House of Representatives the 22nd day of April, 2025.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives  
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6 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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14 statutory reference; updating statutory language; and  
15 providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 64 O.S. 2021, Section 1023, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1023. A. The Commissioners of the Land Office are  
20 authorized to grant commercial leases and agricultural leases in  
21 trust property.

22 Commercial leases shall not exceed fifty-five (55) years. The  
23 granting of any commercial lease in excess of three (3) years shall  
24 be by public bidding at not less than fair market value. All  
commercial leases shall provide for fair market value throughout the  
term of the lease.

1       Agricultural leases of trust property shall be limited to a  
2 maximum of five (5) years and shall be by public bidding at not less  
3 than fair market value.

4       The granting of any interest in trust property at less than fair  
5 market value or not in compliance with this section is void.

6       Any permanent improvement made on commercial trust property from  
7 and after ~~the passage of this act~~ July 1, 1989, shall revert to the  
8 trust at the end of the lease.

9       B. In connection with any commercial and agricultural leases,  
10 the Commissioners of the Land Office shall, unless otherwise  
11 exempted by the Constitution or laws of ~~Oklahoma~~ this state:

12       1. Require payment of ad valorem property taxes on any  
13 improvements and structures on state school land, which would  
14 otherwise be subject to ad valorem property taxation if constructed  
15 on privately owned land; and

16       2. Indemnify and hold harmless the Commissioners of the Land  
17 Office from any financial obligation related to land, financing, or  
18 operation.

19       C. An appraiser selected by the Commissioners of the Land  
20 Office shall appraise any improvements approved by the Commissioners  
21 of the Land Office made to the property leased as an agricultural  
22 lease by the current lessee that cannot be removed without manifest  
23 injury to the land. When the Commissioners enter into a new lease  
24 for the property, the lease shall require the new lessee to

1 reimburse the previous lessee for the appraised value of any  
2 improvements made by the previous lessee by the date the new lessee  
3 is permitted to take occupancy of the property. It shall be  
4 considered a default of the lease of the property to the new lessee  
5 if such reimbursement is not made. Provided, no fees may be charged  
6 to a lessee above those included in the originally accepted bid to  
7 irrigate land used for agricultural purposes if the water is not  
8 sourced from lands owned or managed by the Commissioners.

9 D. The Commissioners of the Land Office may refuse to accept  
10 any bid or lease on a commercial, agricultural, or mineral lease  
11 where the party is in default of any installment due or in violation  
12 of any provisions contained in a prior or current lease contract.

13 ~~D.~~ E. The Commissioners of the Land Office may refuse to accept  
14 any bid or lease contract where the interested party cannot show  
15 adequate creditworthiness as determined by the Land Office.

16 F. The Commissioners of the Land Office shall promulgate rules  
17 to implement the provisions of this section.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.  
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1 Passed the Senate the 26th day of March, 2025.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2025.

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