

# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 940

By: Jech of the Senate

and

Dobrinski and Ranson of the  
House

An Act relating to harmful woody species; directing the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to implement certain plan; requiring certain report to be compiled and presented to Commission by certain date; authorizing the Commission to implement certain plans to assist state agencies; directing the agencies to submit reports each year on progress; defining term; providing for promulgation of rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Harmful woody species

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 3-9-100 of Title 27A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission shall implement a statewide plan for the control, removal, and eradication of harmful woody species on state-owned, -leased, or -operated land.

B. On or before January 1, 2026, a report shall be compiled and presented to the Commission from the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, the Commissioners of the Land Office, the Department of Wildlife Conservation, the Department of Corrections, the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, the

Department of Transportation, and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority with a comprehensive report to determine the affected inventory and subsequent plan to control, remove, or eradicate harmful woody species from state-owned, -leased, or -operated properties. The Commission shall assist in the administration of the agency's plan and develop any necessary programs to expand the capabilities of each agency's approach to control, remove, or eradicate harmful woody species.

C. The agencies specified in subsection B of this section shall electronically submit to the Legislature an annual report by November 1, 2026, and each subsequent year by November 1, detailing the progress of the control, removal, and eradication of harmful woody species on state-owned, -leased, or -operated land.

D. As used in this section, "harmful woody species" means a tree or shrub species that is rapidly encroaching into adjoining lands and is likely to cause harm to the environment or economy. Harmful woody species include, but are not limited to, *Juniperus virginiana* (Eastern Redcedar), *Juniperus scopulorum* (Rocky Mountain juniper), *Juniperus monosperma* (oneseed juniper), and *Tamarix ramosissima* (salt cedar).

E. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission shall promulgate rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 10th day of March, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 28th day of April, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_

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Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this \_\_\_\_\_

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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