

FLOOR AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2157 _____
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 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2157

By: Dobrinski of the House

and

Pederson of the Senate

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9 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

10 [renewable energy - Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Act -

11 Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Advisory Committee -

12 membership - compensation - duties - report -

13 Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Cash Revolving Fund -

14 expenditures - noncodification - codification -

15 emergency]

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
20 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

21 A. The Oklahoma Legislature finds that:

22 1. To maintain strong economic growth and to improve the
23 quality of life of its citizens, the electrical generation capacity
24 within the State of Oklahoma must increase significantly over time;

1 2. Along with our traditional abundance of natural gas
2 generation, the growth of various renewable energy projects could
3 significantly expand the renewable energy footprint which could
4 potentially impact agriculture production;

5 3. There are strategies for both the siting and construction of
6 these renewable energy projects that could minimize this impact on
7 farming and ranching and in some cases assist in improving overall
8 agriculture productivity; and

9 4. It is in the interest of the public that the State of
10 Oklahoma develop a legislative strategy designed to maintain
11 agricultural productivity along with renewable energy development in
12 a way that works in harmony with farming and ranching.

13 B. It is the intent of the Legislature that policies designed
14 to provide for new renewable energy generation construction also
15 supports the agriculture industry to be developed in the future.

16 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5060.46 of Title 74, unless
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
20 Agrivoltaics Act".

21 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5060.47 of Title 74, unless
23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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1 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Advisory
2 Committee. The Committee shall consist of the following seventeen
3 (17) members:

4 1. The Secretary of Agriculture or designee;

5 2. The Secretary of Energy and Environment or designee;

6 3. The Director of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission or
7 designee;

8 4. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife
9 Conservation or designee;

10 5. One member representing the Division of Agriculture at
11 Oklahoma State University, to be appointed by the Governor;

12 6. Two members representing Tribal Governments, to be appointed
13 by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

14 7. Two members representing the renewable energy industry, to
15 be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State
16 Senate;

17 8. Two members who are producers of field crops, to be
18 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

19 9. Two members associated with the transmission and
20 distribution of electrical energy to be appointed by the Speaker of
21 the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

22 10. Two members who are producers of livestock, at least one of
23 whom is actively involved in range management, to be appointed by
24 the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

1 11. One member who is a designee of the Oklahoma Center for the
2 Advancement of Science and Technology; and

3 12. One member representing the forestry industry, to be
4 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

5 B. Members of the Committee shall serve without compensation
6 but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as
7 provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act. The Oklahoma Center
8 for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST) shall provide
9 space for meetings of the Committee and shall provide other
10 assistance and staffing needs of the Committee.

11 C. The Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Advisory Committee shall:

12 1. Advise and assist OCAST in preparing any reports required by
13 this section and in conducting the assessment pursuant to Section 4
14 of this act;

15 2. Identify for Oklahoma agricultural and nonagricultural
16 landowners as well as renewable energy and transmission line
17 developers existing tools and government initiatives designed to
18 help in the siting and construction of renewable energy projects and
19 transmission systems in a manner supportive of farming, ranching,
20 and forestry, including agritourism and outdoor recreation leases;

21 3. Develop for consideration by the Oklahoma Legislature, the
22 Governor of the State of Oklahoma, the various Oklahoma state
23 agencies and the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation policy options
24 designed to encourage maintaining agricultural productivity with

1 renewable energy projects and transmission systems including
2 farming, ranching, and forestry, including agritourism and outdoor
3 recreation leases;

4 4. Encourage the production of educational and advisory
5 materials regarding the development of agrivoltaics in Oklahoma and
6 to inform both landowners and the renewable energy industry on
7 strategies designed to encourage the development of renewable energy
8 generation in a manner supporting farming, ranching, and forestry,
9 including agritourism and outdoor recreation leases; and

10 5. Identify and recommend areas of research needed on the
11 development of agrivoltaics and the siting and construction of
12 renewable energy projects and transmission systems in a manner
13 designed to minimize their impact on production agriculture and
14 forestry, including agritourism and outdoor recreation leases.

15 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5060.48 of Title 74, unless
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 On or before January 1, 2026, the Oklahoma Center for the
19 Advancement of Science and Technology, in consultation with the
20 Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Advisory Committee, shall prepare a report and
21 submit to the Legislature. The report shall include, but shall not
22 be limited to:

23 1. A list and explanation of existing tools and government
24 initiatives designed to help in the siting and construction of

1 renewable energy projects and transmission systems in a manner
2 supportive of farming, ranching, and forestry, including agritourism
3 and outdoor recreation leases;

4 2. A list of policy options designed to encourage the
5 development of renewable energy projects and transmission systems in
6 a manner supportive of farming, ranching, and forestry, including
7 agritourism and outdoor recreation leases, for consideration by the
8 Oklahoma Legislature, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma, the
9 various Oklahoma state agencies and the Oklahoma Congressional
10 Delegation; and

11 3. Recommended areas of research needed on the development of
12 agrivoltaics and the siting and construction of renewable energy
13 projects and transmission systems in a manner designed to minimize
14 their impact on production agriculture and forestry, including
15 agritourism and outdoor recreation leases.

16 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5060.49 of Title 74, unless
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
20 for the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and
21 Technology (OCAST), to be designated the "Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Cash
22 Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject
23 to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies
24 designated for deposit to said fund, including any money received as

1 gifts, grants, or other contributions from public or private
2 sources. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby
3 appropriated and may be budgeted and shall be expended by OCAST for
4 the purposes of carrying out the provisions of the Oklahoma
5 Agrivoltaics Act. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon
6 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as
7 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and
8 Enterprise Services for approval and payment. No money shall be
9 transferred or expended by OCAST for any other purpose than that
10 authorized by this section.

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

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