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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1152

By: Hall and Haste of the
Senate

and

Caldwell (Trey) and Kane of
the House

An Act relating to state parks; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section 2276.1, which relates to Oklahoma State Park Trust Fund; authorizing construction of new facility; updating statutory language; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 2276.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2276.1. A. There is hereby created a trust fund to be known as the "Oklahoma State Park Trust Fund". The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission shall be the trustees of the ~~Trust Fund~~ trust fund.

B. 1. The Commission may utilize five percent (5%) of the principal of the ~~Trust Fund~~ trust fund annually to:

- a. protect and conserve state park lands, but shall not include routine maintenance expenses of the state parks,
- b. preserve historic properties under the jurisdiction of the Commission,
- c. provide for one-time capital upgrades and improvements of state park resources, and
- d. pay fees and expenses associated with the services of a custodian of the ~~Trust Fund~~ trust fund.

2. Beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2020, the Commission may utilize funds not to exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) from the principal of the ~~Trust Fund~~ trust fund to construct and maintain a lodge and any associated facilities deemed necessary by the Commission at the Lake Murray State Park.

3. Beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2030, the Commission may utilize funds not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from the principal of the trust fund to construct and maintain a lodge and any associated facilities deemed necessary by the Commission.

C. The Commission shall give priority for funding to the state park from which the revenues were initially derived.

D. The ~~Trust Fund~~ trust fund principal shall consist of monies from any and all mineral lease payments, seismograph fees, royalty payments, or other payments associated with oil and gas mineral

1 operations at state parks that are managed by the Oklahoma Tourism
2 and Recreation Department, any funds appropriated or transferred to
3 the ~~Trust Fund~~ trust fund by the Legislature, and any monies or
4 assets contributed to the ~~Trust Fund~~ trust fund from any other
5 source, public or private.

6 E. Notwithstanding other provisions of law, income and
7 investment return on ~~Trust Fund~~ trust fund principal shall accrue to
8 the ~~Trust Fund~~ trust fund for use as provided by authorization of
9 the trustees for the purposes listed in subsection B of this
10 section. Except as provided for in subsection B of this section, no
11 income or investment return or principal shall be used for
12 administrative expenses of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation
13 Department or expenses incurred by the Commission in the
14 administration of the ~~Trust Fund~~ trust fund.

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

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

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21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
22 AND BUDGET, dated 05/19/2025 - DO PASS, As Amended.
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