

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4   ENGROSSED SENATE  
5   BILL NO. 209

By: Pederson of the Senate

and

6                               Pae, **Lawson, Strom,** and  
7                               **Hilbert** of the House

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10           [ economic development - Trade Office - duties and  
11           responsibilities - location - promulgation of rules -  
12           effective date -

emergency ]

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

15           SECTION 1.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
16   in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5008.10 of Title 74, unless  
17   there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18           A.   There is hereby created the Taiwan Regional Trade Office.

19           B.   The Office shall be an administrative component of the  
20   Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

21           C.   The Office shall:

22           1.   Facilitate economic relationships between Oklahoma-based  
23   businesses and business entities with principal business activity  
24   which is based or occurs regionally to Taiwan that shall not include

1 any authoritarian or totalitarian government the sovereign powers of  
2 which are exercised through a single person or group of persons who  
3 are not elected by any form of legitimate popular voting;

4 2. Promote Oklahoma-based business and establish business-to-  
5 business trading activity with business entities based regionally to  
6 Taiwan;

7 3. Provide information about business trading opportunities  
8 with business entities based regionally to Taiwan for Oklahoma-based  
9 businesses;

10 4. Facilitate positive relationships between this state and its  
11 political subdivisions with the relevant governments based  
12 regionally to Taiwan that are consistent with United States foreign  
13 policy and any applicable trade or travel restrictions;

14 5. Coordinate the activities of the Oklahoma Department of  
15 Commerce with respect to business outreach specific to entities  
16 based regionally to Taiwan;

17 6. Coordinate, organize, support, and fund travel from Oklahoma  
18 to entities based regionally to Taiwan and return as part of an  
19 ongoing mission to establish and maintain relationships between  
20 Oklahoma and countries in the region with the objective of creating  
21 trade opportunities for Oklahoma-based business enterprises;

22 7. Manage actions taking place at the federal level whose  
23 primary objective promotes business-to-business transactions between  
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1 entities based regionally to Taiwan and the United States with  
2 emphasis on promoting Oklahoma-based business activity;

3 8. Conduct training programs for Oklahoma-based business owners  
4 to inform them of potential trading opportunities with entities  
5 based regionally to Taiwan;

6 9. Produce promotional and educational materials for  
7 distribution by business organizations, trade associations, or  
8 similar entities consistent with the mission of the Office; and

9 10. Take such other actions or develop such programs consistent  
10 with the mission of developing business-to-business opportunities  
11 between entities based regionally to Taiwan and Oklahoma-based  
12 business enterprises.

13 D. The Taiwan Regional Trade Office shall maintain a physical  
14 office in Taipei, Taiwan.

15 E. 1. No later than January 1, 2029, the Oklahoma Department  
16 of Commerce shall conduct a cost/benefit analysis to determine the  
17 estimated net direct state benefits applicable for a three-year  
18 period beginning with the first complete calendar quarter.

19 2. If the Oklahoma Department of Commerce determines that the  
20 Office failed to meet the estimated net direct state benefit for  
21 operations, the Department shall cease operation of the Office. As  
22 used in this section, "estimated net direct state benefits" means  
23 the estimated direct state benefits less the estimated direct state  
24 costs.

1 F. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall promulgate any  
2 rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

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

4 SECTION 3. 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.

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated  
10 04/17/2025 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.