

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

February 9, 2026

2 **AS AMENDED**

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1531

By: Haste of the Senate

4 and

5 Miller of the House

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8 **[ infrastructure - clearinghouse - actions -  
effective date ]**

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 3 O.S. 2021, Section 421, as last  
13 amended by Section 3, Chapter 237, O.S.L. 2025 (3 O.S. Supp. 2025,  
14 Section 421), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 421. A. The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and  
16 Aeronautics is hereby established as the clearinghouse for unmanned  
17 aircraft systems (UAS) and advanced air mobility (AAM) in this state  
18 and shall be designated as the agency of this state for the  
19 promotion, enhancement, and development of UAS and AAM as well as  
20 any associated infrastructure necessary to ensure the safe  
21 integration and use of this new technology within the state. The  
22 purpose of this clearinghouse is to create a partnership between  
23 those entities that currently operate UAS, those that desire to use  
24 this technology in the future, and other entities that can support

1 the research and development of UAS to ensure that this state can  
2 more effectively respond to the needs of this critical sector of the  
3 aviation and aerospace industry. In the operation of this  
4 clearinghouse, the Department shall cooperate, assist, and  
5 coordinate with the federal government, agencies of this state,  
6 tribal entities, municipalities, and other persons in the  
7 development of unmanned aircraft systems throughout the state to  
8 ensure the acceptance of this technology and the successful  
9 integration of UAS into the National Airspace System. Contingent  
10 upon the availability of funds, the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace  
11 and Aeronautics may use established program processes or may  
12 contract with other qualified entities to carry out the duties and  
13 responsibilities of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Development Act of  
14 2021.

15 B. The primary goal of the clearinghouse within the Department  
16 is to establish a central point within state government to develop  
17 and implement the strategy for how this state can become a leader in  
18 the UAS and AAM industry. It will focus the collective resources,  
19 knowledge, information, and assets within state government to ensure  
20 coordinated efforts amongst all parties. The clearinghouse will  
21 have the authority to:

22 1. Conduct research on what other states and localities are  
23 doing insofar as their UAS rules and regulations so that it can  
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1 provide recommendations to ensure this state is in the best position  
2 within the industry;

3 2. Organize and coordinate the application for any UAS and AAM  
4 test site, integration opportunity, pilot program, or grant funding  
5 on behalf of this state;

6 3. Maintain a registry of UAS being operated by state agencies,  
7 except those UAS that are part of a university-affiliated research  
8 program;

9 4. Maintain a registry of educational institutions that offer  
10 training programs for users of UAS;

11 5. Investigate the development of, and if necessary, create a  
12 statewide system plan that will provide the framework for the  
13 construction, development, siting, and potential partnerships  
14 required for vertiports and other infrastructure needed to integrate  
15 AAM and UAS into the existing air transportation system of the  
16 state;

17 6. Develop a statewide network of UAS and AAM detection systems  
18 as necessary to support the safe integration of these technologies  
19 into the state's existing air transportation system; and

20 7. Create statewide or regional command, control, and radar  
21 systems or centers to carry out the provisions of paragraph 6 of  
22 this subsection and the Department's efforts to bring UAS and AAM  
23 testing and development to the state. These systems or centers can  
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1 be stand-alone or in partnership with other federal, state, local,  
2 tribal, or non-profit entities;

3 8. Invest in publicly owned infrastructure to support the  
4 mission of the clearinghouse and the provisions of this section; and

5 9. Partner and collaborate with other states and industry  
6 stakeholders as necessary to create regional or technical centers of  
7 excellence with an interest in integration for UAS and AAM  
8 technologies.

9 C. The Department is authorized to enter into partnerships with  
10 any city or town of this state and any county or political  
11 subdivision or district in this state, or any public trust thereof,  
12 or any federal government entity for the purpose of investing in and  
13 operating infrastructure and any other items necessary to safely and  
14 effectively integrate AAM and UAS into the existing air  
15 transportation system of this state as well as the testing and  
16 development of these aeronautical technologies.

17 D. The Department is authorized to promulgate any rules  
18 necessary to implement the provisions of the Unmanned Aircraft  
19 Systems Development Act of 2021.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AERONAUTICS AND TRANSPORTATION  
22 February 9, 2026 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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