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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President:  
Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

**HB1728**

By: Moore of the House and Murdock of the Senate

Title: Invasive cedar; creating the Salt Cedar Eradication Act; defining terms; creating certain program; rules; report; effective date; emergency.

Together with Engrossed Senate Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

1. That the House concurs in the Senate Amendment; and
2. By adopting the following conference committee amendment to restore the title to read as follows:

"An Act relating to invasive Salt Cedars; creating the Salt Cedar Eradication Act; defining terms; creating certain program; directing the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to oversee and implement the program along with cooperation from certain state agencies; authorizing the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to utilize certain funds; stating purpose of program; listing certain duties; authorizing the promulgation of rules and procedures; requiring certain annual report; creating the Salt Cedar Eradication Revolving Fund; providing for content of fund; providing for deposits and expenditures; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

House Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Senate Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SENATE CONFEREES: GCCA (must be signed out at a Senate GCCA meeting)**

Brooks	_____	Pederson	_____
Dossett	_____	Prieto	_____
Gollihare	_____	Pugh	_____
Goodwin	_____	Rader	_____
Green	_____	Reinhardt	_____
Hall	_____	Rosino	_____
Haste	_____	Sacchieri	_____
Hicks	_____	Seifried	_____
Howard	_____	Stanley	_____
Jech	_____	Stewart	_____
Kirt	_____	Thompson	_____
Murdock	_____	Weaver	_____
		Woods	_____

House Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Senate Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENTS  
TO  
2 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1728

By: Moore, Archer and Menz of  
the House

and

Murdock of the Senate

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16 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the title

17 AMENDMENT NO. 2. Page 2, line 6, insert after the word "Upper" and  
18 before the word "Red", the words "North Fork of the"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 3. Page 2, lines 13-14, insert after the word "Upper"  
20 on line 13, and before the word "Red" on line 14, the words "North Fork of the"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 4. Page 2, line 21, insert after the word "Upper" and  
22 before the word "Red", the words "North Fork of the"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 5. Page 3, line 6, insert after the word "Upper" and  
24 before the word "Red", the words "North Fork of the"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 6. Page 4, line 18, insert after the word "Upper" and  
2 before the word "Red", the words "North Fork of  
3 the"

4 Passed the Senate the 8th day of May, 2025.  
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7 Presiding Officer of the Senate

8 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
9 2025.  
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12 Presiding Officer of the House  
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1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1728

By: Moore, Archer and Menz of  
the House

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4 Murdock of the Senate  
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9 Salt Cedar Eradication Act; defining terms; creating  
10 certain program; directing the Oklahoma Conservation  
11 Commission to oversee and implement the program along  
12 with cooperation from certain state agencies;  
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15 listing certain duties; authorizing the promulgation  
16 of rules and procedures; requiring certain annual  
17 report; creating the Salt Cedar Eradication Revolving  
18 Fund; providing for content of fund; providing for  
19 deposits and expenditures; providing for  
20 codification; providing an effective date; and  
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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 3-8-201 of Title 27A, unless  
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Salt Cedar  
Eradication Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-8-202 of Title 27A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this act:

1. "Eligible landowners" means private, tribal, and public landowners in Oklahoma counties within the Upper Red River Basin;

2. "Eradication" means the removal or substantial reduction of Salt Cedar populations to a level where they no longer pose a significant threat; and

3. "Salt Cedar" means all species within the genus Tamarix identified as invasive or noxious in Oklahoma.

B. There is hereby created a program to control and eradicate invasive Salt Cedar species in Oklahoma counties within the Upper Red River Basin and is to be administered by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission in collaboration with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. To accomplish the goals listed in this section, the Commission is authorized to use the funds available in the Salt Cedar Eradication Revolving Fund established in Section 3 of this act. The purpose of the program is to manage and eradicate invasive Salt Cedar species in Oklahoma counties within the Upper Red River Basin, to enhance water resources, restore native ecosystems, and protect agricultural productivity.

1 C. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission, in collaboration with  
2 the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry and the  
3 Oklahoma Water Resources Board, shall establish and oversee the Salt  
4 Cedar eradication program which shall include:

5 1. Conducting surveys to identify and map Salt Cedar  
6 infestations in Oklahoma counties within the Upper Red River Basin;

7 2. Developing and implementing science-based eradication  
8 strategies, including mechanical removal, chemical treatments, and  
9 biological controls;

10 3. Providing technical and financial assistance to eligible  
11 landowners; and

12 4. Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of eradication  
13 efforts.

14 D. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission shall establish  
15 guidelines for participation, including cost-sharing arrangements  
16 and reimbursement opportunities.

17 E. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission is authorized to  
18 promulgate any rules and procedures to effectuate the provisions of  
19 this act.

20 F. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission shall submit an annual  
21 report to the Governor, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of  
22 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State  
23 Senate, and the chairs of the appropriation committees of the  
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Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate  
outlining the following:

1. Progress of eradication efforts;
2. Expenditures and funding needs; and
3. Recommendations for continued Salt Cedar management.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-8-203 of Title 27A, unless  
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund  
for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to be designated the "Salt  
Cedar Eradication Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing  
fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of  
all monies received by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission from  
appropriations, federal grants or funds, municipal contributions,  
private contributions, and any other sources, including interest  
earned from the income in the fund, that are designated for deposit  
to such fund or designated for duties associated with removal and  
eradication of Salt Cedars in Oklahoma counties within the Upper Red  
River Basin. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are  
hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma  
Conservation Commission to perform the duties imposed on the  
Commission by law. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon  
warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as



1 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and  
2 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

3 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

4 SECTION 5. 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.

8 Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of February,  
9 2025.

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12 Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

13 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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