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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President:
Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

HB2157

By: Dobrinski of the House and Pederson of the Senate

Title: Renewable energy; stating legislative intent; creating the Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Act;
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. Conferees are unable to agree.

Respectfully submitted,

House Action _____ Date _____ Senate Action _____ Date _____

SENATE CONFEREES

Pederson _____

Green _____

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Kern _____

Murdock _____

Boren _____

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT
TO
2 ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2157 By: Dobrinski and Deck of the
3 House
4 and
5 Pederson of the Senate
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8 [renewable energy - Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Act -
9 Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Advisory Committee -
10 membership - compensation - duties - report -
11 Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Cash Revolving Fund -
12 expenditures - noncodification - codification -
13 emergency]
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16 AUTHOR: Add the following Senate Coauthor: Boren
17 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the enacting clause
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1 Passed the Senate the 7th day of May, 2025.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2025.

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

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

18 A. The Oklahoma Legislature finds that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
18 Agrivoltaics Act".

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

22 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Advisory
23 Committee. The Committee shall consist of the following seventeen
24 (17) members:

- 1 1. The Secretary of Agriculture or designee;
- 2 2. The Secretary of Energy and Environment or designee;
- 3 3. The Director of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission or
- 4 designee;
- 5 4. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife
- 6 Conservation or designee;
- 7 5. One member representing the Division of Agriculture at
- 8 Oklahoma State University, to be appointed by the Governor;
- 9 6. Two members representing Tribal Governments, to be appointed
- 10 by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;
- 11 7. Two members representing the renewable energy industry, to
- 12 be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State
- 13 Senate;
- 14 8. Two members who are producers of field crops, to be
- 15 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;
- 16 9. Two members associated with the transmission and
- 17 distribution of electrical energy to be appointed by the Speaker of
- 18 the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
- 19 10. Two members who are producers of livestock, at least one of
- 20 whom is actively involved in range management, to be appointed by
- 21 the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
- 22 11. One member who is a designee of the Oklahoma Center for the
- 23 Advancement of Science and Technology; and
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1 12. One member representing the forestry industry, to be
2 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

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

9 C. The Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Advisory Committee shall:

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

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

19 3. Develop for consideration by the Oklahoma Legislature, the
20 Governor of the State of Oklahoma, the various Oklahoma state
21 agencies and the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation policy options
22 designed to encourage maintaining agricultural productivity with
23 renewable energy projects and transmission systems including
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1 farming, ranching, and forestry, including agritourism and outdoor
2 recreation leases;

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

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

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

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

22 1. A list and explanation of existing tools and government
23 initiatives designed to help in the siting and construction of
24 renewable energy projects and transmission systems in a manner

1 supportive of farming, ranching, and forestry, including agritourism
2 and outdoor recreation leases;

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of March, 2025.

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17 Presiding Officer of the House
18 of Representatives

19 Passed the Senate the _____ day of _____, 2025.

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