

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

4 2. Much of this required generation capacity will, by
5 necessity, be provided by renewable energy projects that have a
6 significant footprint which could potentially impact agriculture
7 production;

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

12 4. It is in the interest of the public that the State of
13 Oklahoma develop a legislative strategy designed to encourage
14 renewable energy development in a way that works in harmony with
15 farming and ranching.

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

19 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 850 of Title 17, unless there is
21 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
23 Agrivoltaics Act".

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1 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 851 of Title 17, unless there is
3 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Advisory
5 Committee. The Committee shall consist of the following seventeen
6 (17) members:

7 1. The Secretary of Agriculture or designee;

8 2. The Secretary of Energy and Environment or designee;

9 3. The Director of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission or
10 designee;

11 4. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife
12 Conservation or designee;

13 5. One member representing the Division of Agriculture at
14 Oklahoma State University, to be appointed by the Governor;

15 6. Two members representing Tribal Governments, to be appointed
16 by the President Pro-Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

17 7. Two members representing the renewable energy industry, to
18 be appointed by the President Pro-Tempore of the Oklahoma State
19 Senate;

20 8. Two members who are producers of field crops, to be
21 appointed by the President Pro-Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

22 9. Two members associated with the transmission and
23 distribution of electrical energy to be appointed by the Speaker of
24 the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

1 10. Two members who are producers of livestock, at least one of
2 whom is actively involved in range management, to be appointed by
3 the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

4 11. One member representing the Rural Utility Service of the
5 United States Department of Agriculture, to be appointed by the
6 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives; and

7 12. One member representing the forestry industry, to be
8 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

9 B. Members of the Committee shall serve without compensation
10 but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as
11 provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act. The Oklahoma
12 Corporation Commission shall provide space for meetings of the
13 Committee and shall provide other assistance and staffing needs of
14 the Committee.

15 C. The Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Advisory Committee shall:

16 1. Advise and assist the Corporation Commission in preparing
17 any reports required by this section and in conducting the
18 assessment pursuant to Section 4 of this act;

19 2. Identify for Oklahoma agricultural and nonagricultural
20 landowners as well as renewable energy and transmission line
21 developers existing tools and government initiatives designed to
22 help in the siting and construction of renewable energy projects and
23 transmission systems in a manner supportive of farming, ranching,
24 and forestry, including agritourism and outdoor recreation leases;

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

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

14 5. Identify and recommend areas of research needed on the
15 development of agrivoltaics and the siting and construction of
16 renewable energy projects and transmission systems in a manner
17 designed to minimize their impact on production agriculture and
18 forestry, including agritourism and outdoor recreation leases.

19 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 852 of Title 17, unless there is
21 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 On or before January 1, 2026, the Corporation Commission, in
23 consultation with the Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Advisory Committee,
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1 shall prepare a report and submit to the Legislature. The report
2 shall include, but shall not be limited to:

3 1. A list and explanation of existing tools and government
4 initiatives designed to help in the siting and construction of
5 renewable energy projects and transmission systems in a manner
6 supportive of farming, ranching, and forestry, including agritourism
7 and outdoor recreation leases;

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

15 3. Recommended areas of research needed on the development of
16 agrivoltaics and the siting and construction of renewable energy
17 projects and transmission systems in a manner designed to minimize
18 their impact on production agriculture and forestry, including
19 agritourism and outdoor recreation leases.

20 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 853 of Title 17, unless there is
22 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
24 for the Corporation Commission, to be designated the "Oklahoma

1 Agrivoltaics Cash Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing
2 fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of
3 all monies designated for deposit to said fund, including any money
4 received as gifts, grants, or other contributions from public or
5 private sources. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are
6 hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and shall be expended by the
7 Corporation Commission for the purposes of carrying out the
8 provisions of the Oklahoma Agrivoltaics Act. Expenditures from said
9 fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer
10 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the
11 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and
12 payment. No money shall be transferred or expended by the
13 Corporation Commission for any other purpose than that authorized by
14 this section.

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

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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
21 03/06/2025 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.
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