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**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

Here is a special Legislative themed Valentine just for you:

**No votes are red,  
Constitutional privilege votes show up as blue,  
We are two weeks into Session,  
We'll keep watching the bills for you!**

### ANTI-TIF LEGISLATION STOPPED

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Thank you to everyone who reached out to members of the House General Government Committee to let them know our concerns with bills that would have negatively impacted the TIF process.

**Preemption/Local Government Agreements:** [HB 1068](#) by Rep. Tom Gann (R-Inola) prohibited state entities and political subdivisions from entering into agreements that would prevent the governmental entity from making full disclosure terms of any agreement relating to funds obtained through taxes.

The bill failed to get a "second" on the Do Pass Motion.

**Local Development Act/Incentive or Increment Districts:** [HB 1069](#) by Rep. Tom Gann (R-Inola) Prevents the use of TIF Districts to improve blighted areas by removing "blight" from the purposes of a TIF. This bill also removed the TIF review board approval process in place of a majority vote of all voters. The legislation would have required that the business and economic development concepts be made public.

The bill failed the House General Government Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 2 to 5.

We appreciate your willingness to make your voices heard. Please stay tuned because additional Action Alerts may be going out soon!

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## **BILLS ON THE MOVE:**

**Preemption/Efficient Parking Act:** [HB 1050](#) by Rep. Mickey Dollens (D-OKC) prohibits a political subdivision from imposing minimum parking mandates for residential, commercial, or industrial property within its jurisdiction. This act does not prohibit a political subdivision from passing an ordinance or enforcing laws related to disability parking spaces.

The bill failed in the House County & Municipal Government Committee on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 2 to 4.

**Planning & Zoning/Fair Zoning Act of 2025:** [HB 1051](#) by Rep. Mickey Dollens (D-OKC) creates the Fair Zoning Act of 2025. The bill requires cities and municipalities with populations exceeding twenty thousand (20,000) residents to amend their zoning ordinances and regulations to ensure that zoning areas are not exclusively designated for single-family residential housing and must aim to foster diverse and inclusive urban development as defined by HUD. Cities and municipalities must create a comprehensive report to be submitted to OHFA every five (5) years, beginning December 10, 2026. The reports shall detail the progress and initiatives taken to promote diversity and inclusivity within their respective communities, specifically in the context of urban development and housing. The reports shall be made publicly accessible through the respective city or municipality's website and be provided to OHFA. No municipality shall impose height restrictions on multi-family residential structures that are constructed within designated residential zones. No municipality shall place undue restrictions on the construction of residential buildings within residential zones, provided such construction does not pose a threat to the historical characteristics and aesthetics of the surrounding area. If the design of a building is deemed unsuitable for the historical area after the extensive review of OUBCC, the municipality may impose necessary design modifications to ensure it aligns with the preservation of the historical characteristics of the location. This act does not apply to any building subject to federal or state height restrictions. OUBCC and OHFA have the authority to enforce this law by means of approval or

disapproval of future projects and fining cities, not in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), that are found violating this law. A citizen or organization may also bring legal action against a local government that fails to comply and be entitled to injunctive relief and attorney fees.

The bill failed in the House County & Municipal Government Committee on Wednesday for failure to receive a second.

**Firefighter Activity Reports:** [HB 1052](#) by Rep. Mike Kelley (R-Yukon) requires the fire chief of a fire department to file the appropriate activity reports utilizing the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) with the State Fire Marshal in OKC. The report shall be completed within forty-eight (48) hours of the incident and include fire-related burn injuries and deaths. The bill also applies to Fire Protection Districts.

The bill passed the House County & Municipal Government Committee on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 6 to 0. The bill moves to the House Government Oversight Committee.

**Firearms/Municipal Carry:** [HB 1095](#) by Rep. Derrick Hildebrant (R-Catoosa) and Sen. Christi Gillespie (R-Broken Arrow) allows elected officials of municipalities, as well as municipal employees approved by the city council, who are in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act to carry a concealed handgun when acting in the performance of their official duties. Firearms may not be carried into a courtroom or other areas specifically designated by ordinance or resolution as firearm-prohibited location. Elected officials or designated employees of the municipality are not required to carry a firearm as a condition of employment or service with the municipality.

The bill was [amended](#) and passed the House Public Safety Committee on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 4 to 0. The bill moves to the House Judiciary & Public Safety Oversight Committee.

**Rural Firefighters Training:** [HB 1098](#) by Rep. David Hardin (R-Stilwell) and Sen. Tom Woods (R-Westville) requires training for rural firefighters to

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be directed solely by the Rural Fire Coordinators. Nothing shall prevent joint training between the Rural Fire Coordinators and other entities. No volunteer firefighters or rural firefighters are required to attend any mandatory training not offered within their district or county.

The bill passed the House Agriculture Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the House Energy & Natural Resources Oversight Committee.

**Housing/Municipal Land Banks:** [HB 1114](#) by Rep. Ronald Stewart (D-Tulsa) allows a governing body of a municipality to adopt a municipal land bank program in which the officer charged with selling real property ordered sold pursuant to foreclosure of a tax lien may sell certain eligible real property by private sale for purposes of affordable housing development as provided by this act. The governing body of a municipality that adopts a municipal land bank program shall establish or approve a land bank for the purpose of acquiring, holding, and transferring unimproved real property under this act. The governing body of a municipality that adopts a municipal land bank program shall adopt a plan annually. In the plan, the municipality shall consider other housing plans adopted by the municipality, including the comprehensive plan submitted to HUD and all fair housing plans and policies adopted or agreed to by the municipality. The municipality shall hold a public hearing on the proposed plan. The city manager shall provide notice of the hearing to all community housing development organizations and to neighborhood associations identified by the municipality as serving the neighborhoods in which the properties anticipated to be available for sale to the land bank are located. The bill also provides qualifications for a developer to participate in a land bank program. The bill permits owners of property to request property not to be sold in this manner. The bill limits the number of properties a land bank may own. Requires deeds of property sold by land bank to include the right of reverter. The bill clarifies deed restrictions. Land banks are directed to file an annual performance report as well as maintaining certain records. Municipalities and land banks must also maintain copies of performance reports for public review.

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The bill failed in the House County & Municipal Government Committee on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 2 to 4.

**ODOT/Municipal Streets:** [HB 1125](#) by Rep. Denise Crosswhite-Hader (R-Piedmont) provides that in municipalities with a population of one hundred thousand (100,000) or less for Othe Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) to pay for the installation, repair, and maintenance costs for any curbs, inlets, inlet grates, inlet hoods, and inlet structures on municipal streets that are a continuation of the state or federal highway system except when performing fill and inlay projects.

The bill passed the House A&B Transportation Subcommittee on Monday by a [vote](#) of 7 to 0. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

**CIB/Penalties:** [HB 1216](#) by Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) adds roofing under CIB to regulate. The bill provides that any fines established by CIB for any second or subsequent violation of a law or rule to be set at five (5) times the amount of the fine set by the Board for initial violations. The Board shall amend its rules to be consistent with the fine amounts set. Collection of unpaid, finalized, administrative fines by the agency, directly or through contracted services unless otherwise provided in law, may be sought beginning ninety (90) days after final disposition and order of the matter through the processes established by this act and the APA.

The bill passed the House Government Oversight Committee on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 14 to 1.

**Municipal Utilities/Revenue Restrictions:** [HB 1220](#) by Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) prohibits municipalities from imposing any franchise fees or local sales, use or any other taxes on the securitized revenue stream on bonds or other obligations issued by the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority associated with Winter Storm Uri from February 2021.

The bill passed the House County & Municipal Government Committee on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 6 to 0. The bill moves to the House Government Oversight Committee.

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**DUI/Bail:** [HB 1222](#) by Rep. Emily Gise (R-OKC) prohibits any police officer or sheriff from the release of any person arrested for a second driving under the influence violation without the granting of bail by a magistrate, court, judge, or on-call judge, whether by telephone or in person. In determining bonds and other conditions of release, the magistrate, judge, on-call judge or court shall consider any evidence that the person is in any manner dependent upon alcohol or a controlled dangerous substance or has a pattern of regular abuse of alcohol or the illegal use of any controlled dangerous substance. If the person is arrested for any crime provided in Section 11-902 of Title 42, the court shall consider the threat the person poses to public safety and shall present written findings on the bail amount. The bill removes language requiring officers to test any driver involved in an accident that resulted in a death or injury for substances.

The bill passed the House Judiciary -Criminal Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 5 to 1. The bill moves to the House Judiciary & Public Oversight Committee.

**Sales Tax Exemption/Farming:** [HB 1378](#) by Rep. Eddy Dempsey (R-Valliant) and Sen. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) adds "farming" and "farm" to include the production of timber, seedling production, and forestry management.

The bill passed the House A&B Natural Resources Subcommittee on Monday by a [vote](#) of 9 to 0. The bill passed the House A&B Committee on Wednesday with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 28 to 0. The bill moves to the full House.

**Open Records/Email Distribution Systems:** [HB 1409](#) by Rep. Denise Crosswhite-Hader (R-Piedmont) authorizes public bodies to require people participating in the email distribution system to annually confirm the request to be included in the system. If the person does not confirm the request, public bodies may remove that person from the email distribution system. Nothing prohibits an individual from participating in an email distribution system from which that individual was previously removed.

The bill passed the House General Government Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 7 to 0 . The bill moves to the House Government Oversight Committee.

**Public Finance/Foreign Adversary Divestment Act of 2025:** [HB 1561](#) by Rep. Collin Duel (R-Guthrie) creates the Foreign Adversary Divestment Act of 2025 to ensure that Oklahoma public investment dollars will not be put at risk in countries of concern. All state and local funds are prohibited from holding investments in any foreign adversary companies. All state and local managed funds are prohibited from investing or depositing public funds in any bank that is domiciled or has its principal place of business in a foreign adversary. The Treasurer shall develop a notification system to be able to identify foreign adversaries and countries of particular concern. No public pension system will be liable in any action for damages based upon the loss or alleged loss of value in pension system assets.

The bill passed the House Banking, Financial Services & Pensions Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 8 to 0. The bill moves to the House Government Oversight Committee.

**Business Courts/OK & Tulsa Counties:** [HB 1562](#) by Rep. Collin Duel (R-Guthrie) creates a business court division within the district court of any judicial district containing a municipality with a population in excess of five hundred thousand (500,000). Each business court division created shall hereinafter be categorized and named numerically. Business Court Division 1 shall be located in OK County and Business Court Division 2 shall be located in Tulsa County.

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Civil Committee on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 7 to 1. The bill moves to the House Judiciary & Public Safety Overnight Committee.

**Law Enforcement/Misconduct Disputes:** [HB 1593](#) by Rep. John George (R-Newalla) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) does not allow for a peace officer to be disqualified as a witness in a criminal proceeding on the basis of an allegation of misconduct by the officer that has not been finally adjudicated or sustained. An allegation of

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misconduct is not considered to be finally adjudicated as sustained if the allegation is under appeal through the administrative process or judicial proceeding. The bill directs the AG to refer petitions to an administrative law judge. If the administrative law judge finds the allegations are not supported by a preponderance of the evidence, the law enforcement agency and attorney may not rely on the allegations for any purpose. Nothing shall prevent an attorney for the state from disclosing credibility issues of a witness to the court.

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Criminal Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 4 to 1. The bill moves to the House Judiciary & Public Safety Oversight Committee.

**Law Enforcement/Assault & Battery:** [HB 1594](#) by Rep. John George (R-Newalla) expands the scope of assault and battery to include any kind of firearm, air gun, conductive energy weapon, or any other means of harm whatsoever.

The bill was [amended](#) and passed the House Judiciary - Criminal Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 5 to 0. The bill moves to the House Judiciary & Public Safety Oversight Committee.

**Assault & Battery Punishment:** [HB 1595](#) by Rep. John George (R-Newalla) increases the punishment from thirty (30) days to up to ninety (90) days in the county jail. The bill increases the punishment for assault and battery from ninety (90) days to up to six (6) months in the county jail.

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Criminal Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 4 to 1. The bill moves to the House Judiciary & Public Safety Oversight Committee.

**Harassment/First Responders:** [HB 1597](#) by Rep. John George (R-Newalla) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) makes it a crime for a person, after receiving a verbal warning not to approach a person who is a first responder, who is engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty, to knowingly and willfully violate such warning and approach or remain within twenty-five (25) feet of the first responder with the intent to: impede, threaten, or harass the first responder. A person, upon conviction, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

The bill was [amended](#) and passed the House Judiciary - Criminal Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 4 to 1. The bill moves to the House Judiciary & Public Safety Oversight Committee.

**OWRB/Metering Wells:** [HB 1807](#) by Rep. Carl Newton (R-Cherokee) authorizes OWRB to require that all water wells requiring a permit to take and used groundwater from the OWRB be equipped with water well flow meters or an alternative measuring system as defined by the Board. Such measuring systems must remain on the well and be in proper operating condition at all times when groundwater is being produced. Data from the measuring system shall be utilized for the annual groundwater use report. Beginning January 1, 2026, a five-year allocation of a maximum annual yield of the basin or subbasin may be approved for a regular permit. An applicant for a five-year application shall be required to submit an annual usage report and pay the annual permit fee. If approved by OWRB, the applicant may exceed the maximum annual yield in any year of the five-year allocation; provided the applicant shall adhere to the cumulative maximum annual yield for the basin or subbasin over the five-year period.

The bill passed the House Energy Committee on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the House Energy & Natural Resources Oversight Committee.

**Firearms/Convicted Felons:** [HB 1990](#) by Rep. Tim Turner (R-Kinta) and Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) adds "imitation pistol" which means any pistol capable of raising in the mind of the one threatened with such a device a fear that it is a real pistol from being carried by a convicted felon.

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Criminal Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 4 to 1. The bill moves to the House Judiciary & Public Safety Oversight Committee.

**Law Enforcement/Bail:** [HB 1991](#) by Rep. Tim Turner (R-Kinta) authorizes if a defendant is confined in a county jail, municipal jail, or a jail operated by a regional jail authority, and the defendant has a request to hold in custody from another jurisdiction within the state, the defendant may post bond in the other jurisdiction to release the

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hold. Upon proof that a bond has been posted, the request to be held in custody by the other jurisdiction shall be released.

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Criminal Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 5 to 0. The bill moves to the House Judiciary & Public Safety Oversight Committee.

**Law Enforcement/School Resource Officers/Sex Crimes:** [HB 1995](#) by Rep. Tim Turner (R-Kinta) modifies the definition of sex crimes to designate school resource officers who are considered an employee of a school system.

The bill passed the House Common Education Committee on Wednesday by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the House Education Oversight Committee.

**Fighting Chance for Firefighters Act:** [HB 2011](#) by Rep. Daniel Pae (R-Lawton) and Sen. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) creates the Fighting Chance for Firefighters Act to cover the costs of occupational cancer screenings. The bill authorizes the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to extend the benefits of the Oklahoma Employees Insurance and Benefits Plans to municipal and county fire departments.

The bill passed the House A&B Natural Resources Subcommittee on Monday by a [vote](#) of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

**Eminent Domain/Attorney Fees:** [HB 2036](#) by Rep. Nick Archer (R-Elk City) directs courts to provide reimbursement of attorney fees in certain eminent domain hearings. Property owners are eligible for attorney, appraisal, and engineering fee reimbursement if: the condemning authority requests a jury trial and the jury's award is at least ninety percent (90%) of the commissioners' award; the condemning authority and the property owner request a jury trial and the jury's award is equal to or greater than the commissioners' award; or the condemning authority makes a written settlement offer after the commissioners' report and the jury's award exceeds the offer by at least ten percent (10%).

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Civil Committee on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 8 to 0. The bill

moves to the House Judiciary & Public Safety Oversight Committee.

**Fire Alarm Box Reporting/Repealer:** [HB 2068](#) by Rep. Molly Jenkins (R-Coyle) repeals Section 1852 by Title 21 which required the fire chief or principal officer of every fire department shall post, or cause to be posted, a copy of this act at every fire alarm box or place specially designed for the reporting of fires in his jurisdiction.

The bill passed the House Judiciary - Criminal Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 5 to 0. The bill moves to the House Judiciary & Public Safety Oversight Committee.

**Law Enforcement/Dual Office Holding:** [HB 2083](#) by Rep. Jason Blair (R-Moore) provides exemptions for dual office holding restrictions for municipal law enforcement officers, deputy sheriffs and campus law enforcement officers who serve in an elected and appointed position of a municipality.

The bill passed the House General Government Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 7 to 0. The bill moves to the House Government Oversight Committee.

**Open Records Response:** [HB 2095](#) by Rep. Annie Menz (D-Norman) and Sen. Julia Kirt (D-OKC) requires public bodies to respond to a records request within thirty (30) business days of receipt.

The bill passed the House General Government Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 7 to 0. The bill moves to the House Government Oversight Committee.

**Local Government Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act:** [HB 2109](#) by Rep. Mike Osburn (R-Edmond) transfers the duties from the municipal clerk to the Ethics Commission.

The bill passed the House Elections & Ethics Committee on Monday by a [vote](#) of 6 to 0. The bill moves to the House Government Oversight Committee.

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**OK Main Street Grant Program Revolving Fund:** [HB 2407](#) by Rep. Scott Fetgatter (R-Okmulgee) creates the Oklahoma Main Street Grant Program Revolving Fund in the Department of Commerce. In order to qualify for the grant, the Main Street applying shall be required to: be designated and qualified Main Street by the Oklahoma Main Street Program; and shall contract with Commerce, upon receiving the grant, which will require a submission of proof that the Main Street is still a designated Main Street and an invoice to Commerce to be paid no earlier than June 1 of any fiscal year in which there are funds to award the grant. If a Main Street is no longer designated a Main Street, they will be removed from any opportunities to receive grants.

The bill passed the House A&B Natural Resources Subcommittee on Monday by a [vote](#) of 9 to 1. The bill moves to the House A&B Committee.

**Utility Vehicles:** [SB 20](#) by Sen. Brian Guthrie (R-Bixby) and Rep. Chris Banning (R-Bixby) allows for street-legal utility vehicles that are registered as a motor vehicle to travel on U.S. highways, but with a restriction to U.S. highways that post speed limits to fifty (50) miles per hour or less.

The bill passed the Senate Aeronautics & Transportation Committee on Monday by a [vote](#) of 12 to 0. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**Smoking in Motor Vehicles/Minors:** [SB 23](#) by Sen. Brenda Stanley (R-Midwest City) makes it unlawful for any person to knowingly smoke tobacco, marijuana or a vapor product in a vehicle with a minor present. Any person who violates this law shall be assessed a fine not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to be deposited in the Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Revolving Fund.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 5 to 3. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**Alcoholic Beverages/City Limits:** [SB 24](#) by Sen. Bill Coleman (R-Ponca City) allows retail spirits licensees to operate within a city or town with less than two (200) people if such licensees are located

within two (2) miles of the city limits of a city or town with a population in excess of twenty thousand (20,000).

The bill passed the Senate Business & Insurance Committee on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 10 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate.

**OSBI/Mass Casualty Revolving Fund:** [SB 37](#) by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) and Rep. Anthony Moore (R-Clinton) defines "mass casualty" to mean an incident that results in no less than three (3) injured individuals; requires more emergency response than typically available in the jurisdiction; and results in a sudden and timely surge of injured individuals in need of emergency services. OSBI may respond to an incident without a request from a local law enforcement agency and coordinate with local law enforcement agencies who are responding to the event. The bill also creates a Mass Casualty Revolving Fund.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 8 to 0. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**Sales Tax Exemption/Nonprofit Services/Child Abuse:** [SB 49](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) and Rep. Mark Lawson (R-Sapulpa) creates a new sales tax exemption for nonprofit organizations whose principal function is to prevent child abuse and neglect through education, treatment and advocacy and operates a facility that offers comprehensive community-based services for abused or neglected children from birth through eighteen (18) years of age. To be eligible for the exemption, the organization shall provide the following to the OTC: articles of incorporation; organizational by-laws; and a notarized letter from the president or chairman stating the services provided by the organization.

The bill passed the Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee on Monday by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Sales Tax Exemption/Firearm Safety Devices:** [SB 50](#) by Sen. JoAnna Dossett (D-Tulsa) creates a sales tax exemption for the sales of firearm safety devices

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and gun safety devices. The bill defines "firearm safety device" and "gun safety device".

The bill passed the Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee on Monday with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 7 to 4. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Sales Tax Exemption/Nonprofits/School Supplies and Clothing/Contractors:** [SB 59](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) and Rep. Suzanne Schreiber (D-Tulsa) creates a new sales tax exemption for nonprofit organizations and provides documentation to OTC showing the organization's principal purpose is to provide school supplies or articles of clothing for underserved students attending prekindergarten through twelfth grade at public schools in the state. The exemption shall include materials, supplies, and equipment used in the construction or improvement of buildings and other structures owned by the organization and operated in pursuit of the organization's primary and principal purpose. The exemption shall apply to sales to the organization and to sales to any person or subcontractor with whom the organization has duly entered into a construction contract.

The bill passed the Senate Revenue & Taxation on Monday by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Conservation Commission/Spring Creek Watershed Study Act:** [SB 91](#) by Tom Woods (R-Westville) creates the Spring Creek Watershed Study Act. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission, in partnership with other local, state, and federal agencies and non-governmental organizations to undertake a comprehensive water quality study of the Spring Creek Watershed located in Cherokee, Delaware, and Mayes counties near Kansas, Oklahoma. The bill creates the Spring Creek Watershed Water Quality Advisory Group, organized by the Conservation Commission and the local conservation districts in the watershed. The advisory group consists of one (1) member representing Kansas, Oklahoma, appointed by the Commission; one (1) member representing the municipal government of Oaks, Oklahoma, appointed by the Commission and several other

members representing landowners and local conservation districts as well as any other members deemed necessary for inclusion. The bill also creates a technical advisory group. Both advisory groups should assist the Commission in developing the report as well as recommend policies incentivize participation. The bill creates the Spring Creek Watershed Study Revolving Fund for the purpose of implementing the Spring Creek Watershed Study Act.

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 10 to 1. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Water & Wastewater Infrastructure Investment Program:** [SB 92](#) by Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) and Rep. Cody Maynard (R-Durant) directs OWRB to establish a Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Investment Program. The Program should include development of competitive loans for eligible entities seeking to develop water or wastewater projects. Loan applications shall be ranked on criteria including, but not limited to, the need of the project, available financing, conservation and fiscal sustainability, and existing pledges for matching funds. All loans shall include a claw back provision in the funding agreement with an eligible entity. OWRB is directed develop and publish on its website an interactive map of approved projects. The bill establishes the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Investment Revolving Fund and authorizes the Board to reserve up to two percent (2%) of the Fund to administer the Program. Additionally, the bill mandates that twenty-five percent (25%) of the monies in the Fund shall be approved for projects located within a municipality or county with a population of more than four hundred thousand (400,000), twenty-five percent (25%) shall be reserved for projects located within a municipality or county with a population greater than thirty thousand (30,000), and fifty percent (50%) shall be reserved for projects located with a municipality or county with a population less than thirty thousand (30,000). The bill appropriates Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000.00) to the Fund.



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The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Nuclear Energy Study/Corporation Commission:** [SB 130](#) by Sen. George Burns (R-Pollard) and Rep. Brad Boles (R-Marlow) directs the Corporation Commission, no later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of this act, to start the process to engage an outside consulting firm to conduct a technical and legal feasibility study on nuclear energy generation in this state. The bill sets what the feasibility study should evaluate and consider. The Corporation Commission in conjunction with retail electric suppliers and municipally owned electric utilities shall cooperate in providing information relevant to the feasibility study, providing safeguards to protect confidential information. The study shall be delivered electronically to the Pro Tempore, Speaker and Governor nine (9) months after the effective date of this act.

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Stormwater Management Predictive Analytic Solution:** [SB 167](#) by Sen. Aaron Reinhardt (R-Jenks) directs the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management (ODEM) to contract with an outside entity to develop a statewide Stormwater Management Predictive Analytic Solution. The Analytic Solution shall include early warning detection and advanced flood monitoring systems and shall be operational no later than February 28, 2026. The bill directs the ODEM to submit an annual report of the system to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and Governor beginning on August 1, 2026.

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 5 to 4. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Water/Terry Peach Water Restoration Act:** [SB 263](#) by Sen. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) adds species to the "Harmful woody species" list. The bill creates a statewide pilot program to remove or eradicate harmful woody species in watersheds administered by the Conservation Commission. The bill also adds

recognized governmental entities and not-for-profit organizations to be available to utilize funds for the eradication of the harmful woody species. The expansion includes project areas above Lake Overholser and the North Fork Red River into Lugert-Altus Reservoir.

The bill passed the Senate Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee on Monday by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Sales Tax Exemption/Nonprofit Museums/Sunset:** [SB 289](#) by Sen. Adam Pugh (R-Edmond) extends the sunset date for the sales tax for museums through December 31, 2027.

The bill passed the Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee with the title stricken on Monday by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Law Enforcement Legacy Fund:** [SB 302](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) creates the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Legacy Fund that shall consist of surplus monies and savings appropriated by the Legislature. The State Treasurer shall appoint a qualified investor to manage the Fund. The measure transfers any funds in excess of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) from the previous fiscal year or any additional whole increments of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) to the General Revenue Fund solely for the purpose of increasing law enforcement wages, made on January 1 of each subsequent calendar year. Investment managers must maintain a reasonable proportion of liquid assets in the Fund to facilitate any expected transfers.

The bill was discussed in the Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee on Monday and was then laid over.

**Law Enforcement/Emerson Kate Cole Act:** [SB 331](#) by Sen. Kelly Hines (R-OKC) creates the Emerson Kate Cole Act. It requires a school employee to contact 911 as soon as possible in the event Epinephrine is administered to a student. The school district must notify the parent or legal guardian of a student who experiences a possible allergic reaction

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as soon as possible. The bill directs the State Board of Education's model policy on self-treatment and self-administration of certain medications to include at a minimum the required annual training for teachers and school employees who are directly responsible for students on the topics of food allergies, recognizing anaphylaxis, and instruction on administering Epinephrine. It allows the training to be provided in-person or online.

The bill passed the Senate Education Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 11 to 0. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**Preemption/Parking:** [SB 347](#) by Sen. Carri Hicks (D-OKC) prohibits a governing body from implementing minimum parking requirements.

The bill passed the Senate Local & County Government Committee with the title stricken on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 6 to 3. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**Assault & Battery/Law Enforcement Officers:** [SB 369](#) by Sen. Kelly Hines (R-OKC) and Rep. John George (R-Newalla) modifies the provisions on special aggravated assault and battery against law enforcement officers to include strangulation.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 6 to 2. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**Firearms/Hotels:** [SB 372](#) by Sen. Kelly Hines (R-OKC) allows a person to carry a concealed or unconcealed firearms in any state-owned hotel, cabin or lodge.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 6 to 2. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**DOC Facilities/Biological Designation:** [SB 418](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) requires a covered entity under the DOC to designate each multi-occupancy restroom, changing room, and sleeping quarters for the exclusive use of either females or males. This section of law does not apply to individuals to enter a restroom, changing room, or sleeping quarters designated for members of

opposite sex in following circumstances: performance of custodial services or maintenance, rendering of medical or law enforcement assistance, or provision of services or aid during a natural disaster or declared emergency, or when necessary to prevent a serious threat to order and safety. DOC is required to promulgate rules to administer this law. An individual encounters a person of the opposite sex in such a restroom or changing room has a private cause of action for declaratory and injunctive relief against the covered entity. Any civil action brought against a covered entity shall be initiated within two (2) years after the violation occurred. Attorney fees and court costs may be recovered from the entity.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 7 to 2. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**Municipal Owned Utilities/Widows of Public Safety Officials:** [SB 433](#) by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) requires municipally owned public utilities to waive all fees, deposits, monthly rates, and any other required forms of payment for any customer who is a widowed spouse of a law enforcement official, firefighter, or police officer who was killed in the line of duty while employed by the municipality owning the utility. The widowed spouse is required to submit necessary documents by the municipal utility.

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 9 to 0. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**Law Enforcement/Marijuana Warning Labels:** [SB 518](#) by Sen. Jerry Alvord (R-Wilson) and Rep. Kevin West (R-Moore) requires marijuana and marijuana products can impair concentration, coordination, and judgment: a person should not operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of marijuana or marijuana products. The ingestion of any amount of marijuana or marijuana products before driving may result in criminal prosecution for driving under the influence.

The bill passed the Senate Business & Insurance Committee on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 10 to 0.

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**Municipal Bond or Tax Elections:** [SB 538](#) by Sen. Dusty Deever (R-Elgin) modifies dates of when special elections can be held in a municipality. For purposes of submitting to the registered voters of the municipality the question of issuing municipal bonds or of any tax, the governing body may, by resolution or ordinance, authorize the mayor to call a special election on a state or federal election day in November in an odd- or even-numbered year. The bill also impacts on elections called by the board of education to be held on a state or federal election day in November in an odd- or even-numbered year.

The bill passed the Senate Local & County Government Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 7 to 2. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**Data Privacy:** [SB 546](#) by Sen. Brent Howard (R-Altus) creates the Oklahoma Computer Data and Privacy Act. This bill entitles a consumer to request that a business that collects the consumer's personal information deletes any personal information the business has collected from the consumer. It contains several other provisions to ensure that the privacy of consumers' personal information. It also preempts any ordinance, order or rule adopted by a political subdivision of this state relating to the collection or sale by a business of a consumer's personal information. This bill contains penalties, definitions, and extensive details.

The bill was [amended](#) and passed the Senate Technology & Telecommunications Committee on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 7 to 0.

**Law Enforcement/Bus Passenger Safety Act:** [SB 562](#) by Sen. Jerry Alvord (R-Wilson) and Rep. Nicole Miller (R-Edmond) modifies the Bus Passenger Safety Act. It defines "rolling stock vehicles" to include buses, vans, cars, railcars, locomotives, trolley cars, ferry boats and vehicles used for support services. It also defines "transit worker" to mean any employee, contractor, or volunteer work on behalf of a transit agency. The bill makes it a crime to force violence, threat of force violence, size or exercise control of any rolling stock vehicle. In addition, no person shall intimidate, threaten, assault or batter any driver, attendant, guard, transit

worker, or passenger or any rolling stock vehicle. The bill lays out the penalties.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 6 to 2. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**Assault & Battery/Railroad Workers:** [SB 566](#) by Sen. Aaron Reinhardt (R-Jenks) creates a misdemeanor offense for any person who commits any assault, battery, or assault and battery upon the person of a railroad or railway worker or any personnel in connection with the railroads. Upon conviction, imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed one (1) year, by a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or both.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 6 to 2. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**OK Quality Events Incentive Act:** [SB 578](#) by Sen. Bill Coleman (R-Ponca City) extends the Oklahoma Quality Events Incentive Act through June 30, 2031.

The bill passed the Senate Economic Development, Workforce, & Tourism Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 9 to 0. The bill moves to the Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee.

**Solid Waste/Municipal Waste Combustor:** [SB 621](#) by Sen. Aaron Reinhardt (R-Jenks) exempts any municipal waste combustor subject to oversight under 40 C.F.R., Part 60, Subpart Eb, and regulation by DEQ from any subsequent regulation relating to general-purpose waste incineration or incineration of specified waste sources, including, but not limited to: biomedical waste; hospital, medical, and infectious waste; commercial solid waste; and industrial solid waste.

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 9 to 1. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**Firearms/Shooting into Buildings:** [SB 631](#) by Sen. Lonnie Paxton (R-Tuttle) adds shooting into a dwelling or a building used for public or business purposes, as provided for in Section 1289.17A of this title or any attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation

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thereof to the required sentence of eighty-five percent of imprisonment.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 7 to 2. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**Municipal Parking Benefit District Act:** [SB 651](#) by Sen. Brenda Stanley (R-MWC) permits the governing body of any municipality in this state or more parking benefit districts for the purpose of permitting advisory committees to provide recommendations to and bring issues to the attention of the municipality regarding the maintenance of the districts. The bill sets out the process for creating the municipal parking district. Within ten (10) nor more than thirty (30) days of the meeting to create the district, the municipal clerk shall mail the parcels of land to be included in the district. Business owners and residents of the proposed district may file a protest questioning the propriety and advisability of establishing the parking benefit authorized to amend the proposal as needed to correct mistakes as well as add or remove plots. Each district shall have an advisory committee to provide input and make recommendations to the municipality on issues meter program in the parking benefit district. The committee shall be comprised of not less than three (3) and no more than seven (7) members, who shall not receive compensation. Municipal officials may sit on the members. Municipalities are authorized to hold in a special fund all revenue received by the municipality from the parking meter program within such a district.

The bill failed the Senate Local & County Government Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 3 to 6.

**Emergency Management/Governor's Duties:** [SB 672](#) by Sen. Julie McIntosh (R-Porter) prohibits the Governor from closing or forcing to close any business without documented scientific evidence that the nature of a particular business actually contributes to the direct spreading of disease relating to the pandemic. The Governor is required to give notice and hear any business determined to be nonessential or detrimental to the health and safety of citizens during a pandemic before issuing

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an executive order against keeping the business open.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 6 to 2. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**Energy Discrimination Elimination Act of 2022:** [SB 714](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) and Rep. Anthony Moore (R-Clinton) transfers enforcement of the Energy Discrimination Elimination Act of 2022 to the AG and provides that a company may be determined to have boycotted an energy company without an ordinary business purpose based on its public statements or actions. The bill strikes language prohibiting a person or entity from bringing action against a government entity as it relates to the Energy Discrimination Elimination Act of 2022. If a state government entity that opts for an exemption from the provisions of this act is required to submit a report to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Governor if it determines that such compliance would be inconsistent with its fiduciary responsibility. The bill directs the AG to verify whether a financial company is publicly traded. The AG should also develop and publish criteria for the definition of a boycott energy company and publish the criteria for removing a company from the list. The AG is directed to notify each company on the list of reasons why it was placed on the list. The bill repeals language providing for applicability of the act after its effective date.

The bill passed the Senate Energy Committee on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 10 to 1.

**Health Care Sharing Ministry Tax Parity Act:** [SB 736](#) by Sen. Dusty Deever (R-Elgin) creates the Health Care Sharing Ministry Tax Parity Act. The bill provides an income tax deduction for payments to health care sharing ministries (HSCM) to provide health care to a membership that shares a common set of ethical or religious beliefs, facilitates sharing of medical expenses between members, and requires regular contributions from members. The bill directs a quarterly report to members detailing the amount of needs shared and contributions received, conducts annual independent audits, and discloses that it is not an insurance company. HSCMs must be

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a nonprofit organization. Funds received from HCSM members to assist with medical expenses shall not be considered taxable income. The bill establishes penalties for providing false representation that the organization or individual is part of HSCM.

The bill passed the Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee on Monday with the title stricken by a [vote](#) of 6-4-1. The bill moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Construction Contractors/Retainage:** [SB 739](#) by Sen. Jack Stewart (R-Yukon) prohibits construction contracts or subcontractors subject to a bond from withholding retainage.

The bill passed the Senate Local & County Government Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 7 to 2. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**Law Enforcement/Larceny/Shopping Carts:** [SB 748](#) by Sen. Jack Stewart (R-Yukon) establishes a crime for any person who commits larceny of a shopping cart from a retail or wholesale establishment to be punished by a fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or thirty (30) hours of community service per violation.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 6 to 2. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**Law Enforcement/Driving Under Influence:** [SB 786](#) by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) and Rep. John George (R-Newalla) prohibits a person from consuming medical marijuana, or consuming secondhand medical marijuana smoke due to another person's consumption of medical marijuana from operating a motor vehicle on a public highway. A person operating a motor vehicle on a public highway shall not possess any open container that contains medical marijuana in the passenger seat of the vehicle.

The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 7 to 1. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**Local Government Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act:** [SB 890](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) transfers the duties from the municipal clerk and county clerk to the Ethics Commission for campaign finance. The Ethics Commission may post copies of statements of organization and reports of contributions and expenditures.

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 7 to 0. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**Law Enforcement/Military Installations:** [SB 930](#) by Sen. Brenda Stanley (R-MWC) and Rep. Nicole Miller (R-Edmond) creates a framework to ensure that law enforcement services are accessible on US military installations in Oklahoma, with a primary focus on juvenile matters affecting public safety and welfare. The State of Oklahoma accepts the relinquishment of exclusive jurisdiction over military installations from the federal government, obtaining concurrent jurisdiction for as long as the federal government maintains control of the property.

The Governor shall not accept requests for concurrent jurisdiction unless they meet specific requirements: the identity and authority of the requestor, clarity regarding the purpose of the request, detailed descriptions of affected properties, and acknowledgment of potential future land acquisitions. The Governor's acceptance of such requests must be documented and filed with the Secretary of State. The state will incur no liabilities through this concurrent jurisdiction arrangement, and they may enter into reciprocal agreements with federal agencies to delineate jurisdictional duties without any obligation to do so.

The bill passed the Senate Veterans & Military Affairs Committee on Thursday by a [vote](#) of 9 to 0 .

**Law Enforcement/Dual Office Holding:** [SB 1091](#) by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) and Rep. Jason Blair (R-Moore) allows any law enforcement officer, including a campus police officer, who is elected as a member of a governing board of a town, municipality, or county that is outside of the town,

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municipality or county where the person serves as a law enforcement officer to serve in both offices.

The bill passed the Local & County Government Committee on Tuesday by a [vote](#) of 7 to 2. The bill is placed on General Order in the Senate.

**NEXT WEEK AT THE CAPITOL**

*(As of time of distribution this is a list of the meetings that have been posted.)*

**Monday, February 17, 2025**

**Senate Aeronautics & Transportation Committee  
10:00 a.m., Room 535**

**Transportation/ROADS Fund:** [SB 67](#) by Sen. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) and Rep. Nicole Miller (R-Edmond) increases appropriations by Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) beginning the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to the ROADS Fund through July 1, 2032, and Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2033, and for each fiscal year thereafter.

**Aerospace Infrastructure:** [SB 920](#) by Sen. Paul Rosino (R-OKC) and Rep. Nicole Miller (R-Edmond) defines "heliport", "vertiport", and "VTOL aircraft". The bill requires any person erecting or altering a structure within 1-nautical mile of a heliport or vertiport to secure a permit. The bill directs the clearinghouse within the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace to develop a statewide network of UAS and AAM detection systems as well as statewide or regional command, control, and radar systems.

**House A&B Sub: Natural Resources  
10:30 a.m., Room 5s2**

**REAP Grants:** [HB 1438](#) by Rep. Kenton Patzkowsky (R-Balko) and Sen. Avery Frix (R-Muskogee) raises the cap on certain Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) grants administered by OWRB from One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) to Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00).

**Conservation Commission/Spring Creek Watershed Study:** [HB 1588](#) by Rep. David Hardin (R-Stilwell) creates the Spring Creek Watershed

Study to be used to direct implementation of voluntary, incentive-based conservation practices by the Conservation Commission in partnership with other local, state, and federal agencies and subject to availability of resources, in the Spring Creek watershed to protect and improve the aquatic habitat and water quality in the area.

**Sales Tax Rebate/Local Music Incentive Act:** [HB 2218](#) by Rep. Jared Deck (D-Norman) creates the Local Music Incentive Act of 2025. The bill authorizes an eligible venue entity to receive a rebate of either sales tax or mixed beverage gross receipts tax or both based upon such revenues collected by or remitted by the entity at which the eligible performance occurs. The maximum rebates that may be paid each fiscal year shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00). The maximum rebate that may be paid to a business entity with respect to a single event at an eligible venue shall be Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per event. The maximum rebate that may be paid to a business entity with respect to all events at an eligible venue shall be Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). The bill establishes procedures for the rebate to be received.

**House A&B Sub: Transportation  
10:30 a.m., Room 4s5**

**Transportation/Industrial Access Improvement Grant Program:** [HB 1132](#) by Rep. Denise Crosswhite-Hader (R-Piedmont) establishes the Oklahoma Industrial Access Improvement Grant Program to provide funding for roadway and traffic engineering and construction support for industrial access projects in eligible municipalities with a population of over seven hundred and fifty thousand (750,000). ODOT shall administer the program and ensure compliance with state and federal transportation regulations. The Program shall include development of grants to be awarded to applicants for planning, design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of infrastructure improvements that enhance industrial site accessibility. ODOT is required to develop the grant application and allocate grants based on available funds and the relative merit of applications. ODOT may establish matching requirements, wherein a percentage of project costs shall be covered by the eligible municipality or private-sector partner.

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**ODOT/Invasive Woody Species:** [HB 1822](#) by Rep. Jonathan Wilk (R-Goldsby) requires ODOT to establish and implement a program for the systematic identification, removal, and management of invasive woody species within rights-of-way under its jurisdiction. The eradication program shall include the following components: surveys to identify the presence and extent of invasive woody species, develop a prioritized plan for eradication and control; use best management practices for removal; monitor and follow-up measures to prevent reestablishment; and collaborate with local, state, and federal agencies to leverage expertise and resources.

**House Tourism Committee**  
**3:00 p.m., Room 4s5**

**Oklahoma Route 66 Commission:** [HB 1571](#) by Rep. Mark Lawson (R-Sapulpa) and Rep. Todd Gollihare (R-Kellyville) removes the expiration date of the Oklahoma Route 66 Commission.

**House Elections & Ethics Government**  
**3:00 p.m., Room 5s2**

**Election Mailers/Disclaimer:** [HB 1448](#) by Rep. Denise Crosswhite-Hader (R-Piedmont) and Sen. Kendal Sacchieri (R-Blanchard) requires any campaign or election material that is not an official government document from a county election board, State Election Board, or a subdivision to send via mail to voters to include a disclaimer. The disclaimer shall clarify in a minimum of size fourteen (14) font, the following: "This piece of mail is not an official government document from the State of Oklahoma or any subdivision of this state." For any person or organization that does not include a disclaimer shall be subject to a One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) fine per mailer. On the third offense, the fine shall increase to a Three Hundred Dollar (\$300.00) fine. The Ethics Commission must enforce and adopt rules to carry out this provision.

**Elections/Political Subdivisions:** [HB 2106](#) by Rep. Mike Osburn (R-Edmond) modifies the dates when any election conducted by a county election board can be held. Regular and special elections by any county, school district, technology center school district, municipality, fire protection district, or

other political subdivisions are authorized on the first Tuesday of March in any year; the third Tuesday in June; the fourth Tuesday in August; and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. With the declaration of an emergency by the Governor permitting a special election, an election may be held to fill a vacancy in an elective office on specific days.

**House A&B General Government Subcommittee**  
**4:30 p.m., Room 4s5**

**Elections/Voter ID:** [HB 1005](#) by Rep. Jim Olsen (R-Roland) requires each person appearing to vote in any election conducted after January 1, 2027, to present proof of identity. Service Oklahoma must develop and make available a photo identification card that meets the requirements to serve as proof of identity for voters. The photo id cards shall be provided free of charge by Service Oklahoma to any registered voter. The CEO of Service Oklahoma shall consult with the Secretary of the State Election Board to develop the photo identification card. The requirement for proof of identification shall apply to each person appearing to vote at an in-person absentee voting site. The Secretary of Election Board may promulgate rules or procedures to implement this law.

**Agriculture Sales Tax Exemption:** [HB 1242](#) by Rep. Judd Strom (R-Copan) expands the livestock sales tax exemption to include cervidae.

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

**Senate Public Safety Committee**  
**9:00 a.m., Room 230**

**Firearms/Medical Marijuana:** [SB 39](#) by Sen. Julie Daniels (R-Bartlesville) prohibits an individual from carrying a firearm while under the influence of medical marijuana. An applicant for a handgun license shall not be considered ineligible solely on the basis of being a lawful holder of a medical marijuana patient license. Nothing in this section of law shall be construed allowing OSBI to deny an otherwise qualified applicant from obtaining a handgun license pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act solely on the basis of the applicant

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being a lawful holder of a medical marijuana patient license.

**Law Enforcement/DUI:** [SB 54](#) by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) directs the court to require such a person to use an ignition interlock device for a minimum of thirty (30) days. The bill modifies sentencing provisions relating to a person convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substances twice within ten (10) years.

It also increases the minimum days of use for such a device for a person convicted of third and subsequent offences from thirty (30) days to sixty (60) days. The bill establishes a mandatory minimum imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections. The mandatory minimum is set at ten (10) days for first time violators, thirty (30) days for second time violators, and an additional thirty (30) days for each subsequent violation beyond the second. The bill requires mandatory blood or breath tests to determine alcohol concentration in certain incidents relating to accidents, driving the wrong way, driving in excess of twenty (20) mph beyond the speed limit, operating a vehicle with a person younger than eighteen (18) years of age, reckless driving, and driving to elude law enforcement.

**Firearms/School Property:** [SB 84](#) by Sen. Kendal Sacchieri (R-Blanchard) and Rep. Denise Crosswhite-Hader (R-Piedmont) modifies provisions that firearms designed for self-defense or for hunting and fishing may be stored in a privately owned vehicle and properly displayed or stored as required by law on school property. The bill deletes the requirement that the vehicle is not left unattended and be used solely for the students' transportation to and from the school.

**Preemption/Firearm Suppressors:** [SB 124](#) by Sen. George Burns (R-Pollard) and Rep. David Hardin (R-Stilwell) provides that a firearm suppressor that is manufactured in this state and remains in this state are not subject to federal law or federal regulations as they relate to the authority of the US Congress to regulate interstate commerce. The bill states that a firearm suppressor is manufactured in Oklahoma must have the words "Made in Oklahoma" clearly stamped or engraved on it. Such

suppressors shall be considered manufactured in the State if no materials other than generic or insignificant parts were imported from outside of the State. The bill also prohibits an agency, municipality or other political subdivision from adopting a rule, order, ordinance or policy from enforcing any regulation that restricts, prohibits or regulates a firearm suppressor in this state.

**Law Enforcement/Badge & Firearm Retention:** [SB 462](#) by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) authorizes a municipal police officer who retires under the Oklahoma Police Pension & Retirement System the ability to request to retain custody and possession of his or her municipal-issued firearm and badge. The retiring officer shall make the request in writing to the head of the municipal law enforcement agency. The agency head may grant the request except in a few cases: not in good standing; convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude; mentally or physically incapacitated and could not perform duties if recalled; or good cause shows that granting approval of the request is detrimental to public health, safety and welfare. Upon death of a municipal police officer prior to retirement, custody and possession of a firearm and badge may be awarded to the next of kin in accordance with the agency's policy.

**Firearms/Preemption:** [SB 500](#) by Sen. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) prohibits a governmental entity from entering into contracts with a company for the purchase of goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it does not and will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. It does not apply to a governmental entity that contracts with a sole-source provider or does not receive a bid from a company that is able to provide verification discriminating against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. The provisions of this section shall apply only to a contract between a governmental entity or a company with at least ten (10) full-time employees and has a value of at least One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) that is paid wholly or partly by public funds of the governmental entity.



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**Preemption/Places of Worship:** [SB 513](#) by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom (R-Adair) prohibits the Governor or any official of a municipality, county or political subdivision, or any other state entity during the existence of a state of emergency from prohibiting or suspending any activity in a place of worship during a declared state of emergency that is otherwise legal under state law.

**Firearms/Polling Places:** [SB 524](#) by Sen. Darrell Weaver (R-Moore) authorizes concealed carrying of a handgun, by a person described in paragraph 6 of this subsection, at a polling place during an election being conducted by a state, county, or municipal election board.

**Law Enforcement/Fraudulent Documents Identification Unit:** [SB 544](#) by Sen. Jonathan Wingard (R-Ada) and Rep. Dell Kerbs (R-Shawnee) authorizes DPS to establish an Identity Verification Unit (IVU). The chief administrator of the law enforcement agency that requests the issuance of a driver license shall be jointly responsible to ensure the license is promptly returned to DPS. DPS is also authorized to enter into interagency agreements with law enforcement agencies requesting issuance of such a license setting forth the terms of the authorization for use of the license, the terms for custody and control of the license, and the terms for duration and revocation of authorization to use or possess the license.

**(OML Priority) Firearms/Municipal Carry:** [SB 628](#) by Sen. Christi Gillespie (R-Broken Arrow) and Rep. Derrick Hildebrant (R-Catoosa) allows municipalities to authorize certain employees or public officials of the municipality, municipal public trust, or municipal authority who possess a valid handgun license and who have successfully completed any additional training or requirements as established by ordinance or resolution to carry a concealed handgun when acting in the course and scope of employment. Firearms may not be present in a location designated as a firearm-prohibited location. Firearm prohibited location is defined as any room, location or other place on municipally owned, leased or maintained property designated as a firearm-prohibited location by the municipal government and any police department, courthouse, courtroom, prison, jail, detention

facility, or any facility used to process, hold, or house arrested persons, prisoners, or persons alleged to be delinquent or adjudicated delinquent. Nothing shall be construed to allow municipal employees to carry a firearm as a duty or function of their employment. A municipality may authorize the public display of a firearm in a public building subject to policies established by the municipality, municipal public trust, or municipal authority.

**Impaired Driving Prevention Advisory Committee:** [SB 634](#) by Sen. Spencer Kern (R-Duncan) expands the membership of the Impaired Driving Prevention Advisory Committee to include the State Commissioner of Health and the Executive Directors of ODOT, OMMA, and State Board of Pharmacy.

**Firearms/Public Funds/Lobbying:** [SB 636](#) by Sen. Jerry Alvord (R-Wilson) prohibits any state entity, or political subdivision of this state or affiliate of a political subdivision to expend any monies, funds, or resources, directly or indirectly for publicity or propaganda, employment of a legislative lobbyist or legislative liaison or preparation of information opposing the rights as stated in the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the US. Any person violating this provision shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), imprisonment in county jail for a term not exceeding one (1) year, or both. This does not apply to: any person elected to a state, county, or municipal office or any person who is appointed to fill a vacancy; any person presenting neutral testimony on behalf of an organization; or any person stating a personal opinion who is not testifying in his or her official capacity.

**Firearms/Lawful Carry:** [SB 742](#) by Sen. Todd Gollihare (R-Kellyville) authorizes Judges of the Court of Civil Appeals, Judges of the Court of Criminal Appeals, or Justices of the Supreme Court who have a valid handgun license to carry in the scope of employment within the courthouse of this state.

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**Firearms/First Responders:** [SB 768](#) by Sen. David Bullard (R-Durant) and Rep. Jim Shaw (R-Chandler) authorizes licensed first responders to carry a firearm while performing official duties.

**Oklahoma Public Safety & Immigration Enforcement Act:** [SB 865](#) by Sen. Casey Murdock (R-Felt) and Rep. Carl Newton (R-Cherokee) creates the Oklahoma Public Safety and Immigration Enforcement Act. OMES is directed to develop a Secure Interagency Collaboration Platform to facilitate real-time communication and data sharing among law enforcement, the Department of Corrections, and federal immigration authorities. Law enforcement agencies are directed to report the arrest of any individual suspected of being an unauthorized immigrant. The Department of Corrections shall screen any individual that enters a state correctional facility to identify an unauthorized immigrant. Federal authorities are directed to prioritize cooperation with agencies of this state to expedite deportation proceedings. The bill subjects any agency that fails to comply with the provisions of this law to an administrative penalty as determined by the Office.

**Law Enforcement/Eluding Officers:** [SB 871](#) by Sen. Aaron Reinhardt (R-Jenks) imposes a minimum sentence of six (6) months imprisonment for any person convicted of eluding a peace officer. For any violation that endangers another person the minimum sentence is increased from one (1) year to thirty (30) months. Anyone convicted of eluding an officer and causing an accident resulting in great bodily injury to any other person shall receive an increased minimum sentence. The sentence is increased from one (1) year to five (5) years and the maximum sentence is increased from five (5) years to seven (7) years.

**House General Government Committee**  
**10:30 a.m., Room 206**

**OUBCC/Child Care Homes:** [HB 1847](#) by Rep. Suzanne Schreiber (D-Tulsa) requires OUBCC to adopt the International Residential Code for two-unit to six-unit residential buildings. DHS shall work with the State Fire Marshal to develop guidelines that allow family childcare homes and large childcare homes to operate under the fire

protection requirements of the IRC. No agency, municipality, county or other political subdivision shall place stricter fire requirements than those outlined in the IRC on family childcare homes and large childcare homes.

**Newspapers:** [HB 2166](#) by Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Orlando) defines a "periodical newspaper" and a "non-periodical permit newspaper". The non-periodical newspaper shall petition the district court in the jurisdiction in which the newspaper seeks to be authorized as a legal newspaper. The bill establishes the publication provisions by requiring all periodical and non-periodical permit newspapers to register and maintain registration of ownership with the Secretary of State; publish all legal notices on the newspaper website in a timely manner, if the newspaper maintains a website, in front of any paywall or paid access so the public may freely access the notices is qualified to be a legal newspaper in only one county in which the periodical permit newspaper original entry periodicals mail permit was applied for and held or in the county in which the non-periodical permit newspaper. Each legal newspaper must annually declare in the published statement of ownership, management and circulation on October 1 and shall continue to be authorized and cannot change such declaration until October 1 each year. If there is no legal newspaper in a county, a newspaper can be established by meeting the provisions of this section after a period of fifty-two (52) consecutive and uninterrupted weeks in a twelve (12) month period. Failure to issue or publish said newspaper for a period of twenty-one (21) consecutive days, beginning the day after the last publication due to an emergency declared by the state or federal government does not deem the newspaper a failure. A newspaper is permitted to publish fifty (50) of the preceding fifty-two (52) weeks over the immediately previous twelve (12) month period, and failure to issue or publish a newspaper under this schedule does not deem this as a failure.

**Newspapers/Publication of Notices:** [HB 2167](#) by Rep. John Pfeiffer (R-Orlando) establishes publishing standards and related fees for public notice printed in newspapers. A newspaper qualified to publish notices under the laws of this state has the authority to publish all notices in a

format readable to a reasonable person. Any notice submitted which is unreadable or intended to be unreadable may be rejected or typeset by the newspaper in a readable format. Newspapers providing affidavits or proof of publication are permitted to charge and collect a fee for a notarial act. For any notice placed in a newspaper, there shall be a minimum charge of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for such notice if the total calculated cost or words and lines described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection is less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). When notice by publication in a newspaper is required by law, order or court, or other means, the newspaper publishing the notice shall, at no additional cost to the person or official, cause the notice to be placed on the newspaper website if there is one available, in front of any paywall or paid access to the website. Notices should be performed in a timely manner but should not invalidate the publication of a notice otherwise valid when published in the newspaper. Temporary outages or service interruptions prohibiting the posting or display of such notice shall be considered harmless error and the proper legal notice requirements shall be considered met if the notice published in the newspaper complies with the publication. Access to the statewide website shall be free to the public. There is no deadline set by the newspaper that is more than five (5) business days prior to the date of publication, excluding the date of publication, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays in the State of Oklahoma. The newspaper will confirm receipt of the notice and inform the person in writing or electronically about the publication dates. If there is a failure to publish the notice in the issue specified in the confirmation, the newspaper shall publish in the future issue at no charge. If the notice has multiple insertions, only the first notice omitted shall be required to run at no charge.

**House Business Committee**  
**10:30 a.m., Room 4s5**

**OUBCC/Training:** [HB 2085](#) by Rep. Jason Blair (R-Moore) requires OUBCC to establish a regional continuing education for all residential and commercial construction industry personnel affected by the codes adopted by OUBCC, including, but not limited to, code officials, design professionals, and trade workers. There is no cost for

the regional training for state licensed building code officials. A fee may be assessed to all participants other than state licensed code officials. The costs shall be limited to any cost directly associated with the training and shall be remitted to the State Treasury pursuant to the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Act. Each code official operating in this state on behalf of any state agency or municipal or county office may complete regional training and issue a certificate of completion. OUBCC shall also establish a workforce development process with the purpose of increasing the number of available code officials in Oklahoma. The workforce development applications, qualifications, and procedures shall be promulgated by rules of the Commission. OUBCC may establish forms and procedures to implement and administer the provisions of this section.

**Senate Economic Development, Workforce &  
Tourism Committee**  
**1:30 p.m., Room 535**

**REAP Reporting:** [SB 473](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) and Rep. Eric Roberts (R-OKC) requires each entity to develop a plan to measure the qualitative effects of projects funded through the Rural Economic Action Plan of 1996. The plan may utilize inquiries or surveys of the public, local governments, or municipalities to measure the effect. On or before January 1, 2028, each entity required to develop a plan shall submit a report to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce detailing the qualitative effects of at least two projects that received funds pursuant to the Rural Economic Action Plan of 1996. Any expenditures associated with creating the plan required by subsection A of this section and the report required by subsection B of this section shall be made using the initial planning expenditure payments.

**OK Local Development & Enterprise Zone Incentive Leverage Act:** [SB 575](#) by Sen. Dave Rader (R-Tulsa) requires the enterprise or entity to provide consent for the Department of Commerce to furnish the reported information to the Incentive Evaluation Commission (IEC) only for evaluation purposes by the IEC or a designee. The information furnished shall be disaggregated and on a per project basis.

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**Senate Local & County Government Committee**  
**2:30 p.m., Room 230**

**Law Enforcement/Removal of Vagrants:** [SB 537](#) by Sen. Jack Stewart (R-Yukon) authorizes the proprietor or manager of a business to contact law enforcement to remove a vagrant if the vagrant is within twelve (12) feet of any doorway of the business, even if such vagrant is on public property. Upon arrival at the business, law enforcement shall determine, through personal observation or viewing of a video, whether the person accused meets the definition of a "vagrant". Upon determination that the person does meet the definition, the officer shall relocate the vagrant to public property at least one-half (1/2) mile away from the location of the business. The location for relocation shall not be within one-quarter (1/4) mile of any other business.

**Municipal Zoning/Charter Schools:** [SB 674](#) by Sen. Adam Pugh (R-Edmond) authorizes a charter school, after acquiring a building not currently zoned for use as an educational building, to submit a charter school site plan to the municipal governing body, municipal zoning commission, or other such body with zoning authority in the municipality where the building is located. The charter school must include information demonstrating the building will be used for at least five (5) years beginning upon use and a plan that details how the building may be altered or enhanced. If the municipal governing body, municipal zoning commission, or other zoning authority disapproves the request, they must provide a written explanation for the reason for disapproval with an option for resubmission. Distance requirements on any business or entity are not impacted with the approval of the charter school; however, if the business or entity ceases, then the distance requirement applies.

**Local Bid Preference:** [SB 1014](#) by Sen. Jack Stewart (R-Yukon) requires political subdivisions awarding construction contracts exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) or construction management trade contracts or subcontracts exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to give preferences to local bids of not more than five percent (5%) instead of authorizing such preferences.