



Economic Development/Taxation

SB 1284 – Stanislawski – CS – Oklahoma Quality Events Act. Allows for the incremental sales tax generated by “quality events” to be used to attract, retain and promote those events in Oklahoma.

SB 1323 – Mazzei – CO – Sunsets the five-year ad valorem exemption for wind power generators, effective January 1, 2011.

SB 1396 – Mazzei – CNP – Amends the “Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Administration Act.” Senate Finance

SB 1620 – Mazzei – CNP – Creates the Joint Task Force on the study of transferrable tax credits.

SB 1797 – Schulz – CO – Repeals the five-year ad valorem exemption for manufacturers.

SB 1900 – Coates/Benge – CS – Legislation to make certain that before occupancy permits are issued, owners, contractors or subcontractors shall have remitted Oklahoma sales tax.

SB 1652 – Halligan – CNP FS – Provides a tax credit for investments in qualified depreciable property brought into the state by a taxpayer from another location outside the state and placed into service for the first time in this state, regardless of when and where the initial investment in such property took place. The cost of such property shall be determined based on fair cash value.

SB 1966 – Justice – CS – Amends the Small Employer Quality Jobs Incentive Act to allow for 24 months, rather than 12 months, for qualifying businesses to employ a required number of employees.

SB 2008 – Coffee – CS – Stipulates that for measures originating in their respective houses, the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate may submit a ballot title to the Attorney General for review as to legal correctness. Current law requires the Attorney General to review all ballot titles.

SB 2124 – Mazzei – CS – Amends the Quality Jobs Act to allow support activities for rail transportation and water transportation to apply and qualify for Quality Jobs Act incentives.

HB 1786 – Shannon/Barrington – CS – Allows local towns and cities to reclaim state sales taxes for up to five years to fund approved economic development infrastructure projects.

HB 2545 – Wright – CNP – Requires the Oklahoma Tax Commission to post a list of all taxpayers who have tax credits in excess of \$10,000 on the Internet.

HB 2577 – DeWitt – CNP – Amends the Quality Jobs Act to allow for alternative energy structure construction, solar reflective coating application and solar heating equipment installation to apply and qualify for Quality Jobs Act incentives.

HB 2617 – Proctor – CO – Clawback. Requires industries that receive certain state incentives who subsequently relocate outside the country with respect to the activity for which the incentive(s) was granted to repay the incentive(s) amount plus a 4.5 percent penalty.

HB 2876 – Dank – CNP – Direct the Oklahoma Tax Commission to prepare and maintain a list of all taxpayers who have claimed any tax credit authorized by state law and related to a tax administered by the OTC, and post the list on the Internet.

HB 2878 – Dank – CO – Provides for a mandatory annual review and evaluation of each tax credit authorized by state law.

HB 2879 – Dank – CNP FS – Prohibits legislation providing tax credits from being included in any other measure and stipulates that tax credit legislation shall be considered separately from any other provision.

HB 3089 – Reynolds – CO – Provides that all records of public bodies and public officials, including private entities that enter into a contract with any state agency, board, commission or other state authority shall be open to any person for inspection, copying, or mechanical reproduction during regular business hours . . .

HB 3233 – Jackson – CS – Makes clean-up changes to the prime contractor bill that provides Quality Jobs Act incentives to prime contractors who let subcontracts to Oklahoma companies.

HB 3235 – Jackson – CNP – Creates the Task Force on the Ad valorem Tax System, composed of 15 people.

HB 3288 –McNiell – CS – Tightens up the definition of “at risk establishments” and makes other amendments to make the Quality Investment Act usable.

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Health Care

HB 2336 – Cox – CNP FS – Oklahoma Healthcare Professionals Act of 2010

HB 2337 – Cox – CNP FS – Oklahoma Healthcare Act of 2010

HB 2343 – Cox – CNP – No smoking in public facilities

HB 2581 – McAffrey – CO – Mandate to eliminate pre-existing conditions

HB 2687 – Lamons – CNP FS – Hospital Services Act

HB 2774 – Steele – CNP FS – Healthy Citizens of Oklahoma Initiative

HB 2824 – Auffet – CNP FS – Hospital access fee to help fund Medicaid

HJR 1054 – Ritze – CNP FS – No person shall be compelled to participate in any health care system

HJR 1068 – Brown – CO – Constitutional mandate for autism

SB 322 – Jolley/Coody – CS – School health policy assessments

SB 1283 – Wilson – CO – Drug re-importation

SB 1288 – Wilson – CO – Health insurance premiums not subject to gender

SB 1294 – Gumm / **SB 1297** – Wilson – CO – Health plans cannot set cancellation goals/quotas

SB 1301 – Wilson – CO – Limit InsureOklahoma! plan service providers to Medicaid reimbursement levels

SB 1302 – Wilson – CO – No charge shall be assessed for re-admission to hospital within 30 days of treatment

SB 1310 – Wilson – CO – Disallows charging more for procedure in emergency room than same procedure in non-emergency room

SB 1316 – Gumm – CO – Autism mandate for High-Risk pool

SB 1346 – Gumm / **SB 1290** – Wilson / SB 2046 – Brown – CO – Allows for the purchase of health insurance from out of state providers

SB 1353 – Wilson / **SB 1969** – Gumm – CO – Revises loss ratio level by which health insurance plans must file new rates

SB 1390 – Mazzei – CO – Mandate for prosthetic devices

SB 1616 – Crain – CNP FS – Health carrier access payments for premium assistance

SB 1639 – Ballenger / **SB 1866** – Laster / **SB 1869** – Crain / **SB 2050** – Brown – CNP FS – Modifies definition of person

SB 1657 – Gumm / **SB 1269** – Easley / **SB 1296** –Gumm – CO – Autism mandate

SB 1721 – Wilson – CO – Eliminates two year waiting period after which plans can deny claim

SB 1722 – Wilson – CO – Requires health plan to receive approval from Insurance Commission before discontinuing plan

SB 1809 – Myers / **SB 1826** – Crain / **SB 1984** –Jolley – CNP – No smoking in public facilities

SB 1818 – Crain – CS – Certified Healthy Communities

SB 1836 – Crain – CS – Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board

SB 1915 – Adelson – CO – Mandate for diabetes treatment

SB 2052 – Coffee – CS – OSEEGIB shall contract with a “pay-for-performance” provider

SB 2135 – C. Johnson – CNP FS – No referral is necessary for a mammography

SB 2157 – Wilson – CO – Health insurer cannot deny renewal based on pre-existing condition

SB 2209 – Laster – CO – Health insurer can only use previous 12 months to determine pre-existing condition

SJR 56 – Russell / **SJR 59** – Newberry – CNP FS – No person shall be compelled to participate in any health care system

SJR 58 – Coffee / **SJR 68** – Brannan – CNP FS – Federal health care opt-out

SJR 64 – Coffee/Benge – CNP FS – A.G. to file lawsuit against federal health care legislation

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Education / Workforce Development

HB 1530 – Coody – CS – One semester of health education in common middle schools

HB 2627 – Jones – CS – Oklahoma Charter Schools Act

HB 2753 – Denney – CS – Revises Charter School laws

HB 2836 – Sears – CS – Teacher pay-for-performance

HB 2840 – Sears / **HB 3030** – Benge – CS – Teacher due process

HB 2928 – Coody – CS – Teacher evaluation guidelines

HB 3027 – Benge – CNP FS – Defines school districts

HB 3254 – Blackwell – CS – Common school de-reg

HB 3287 – McNiel – CNP FS – Enhances tax credits for engineers

SB 322 – Jolley/Coody – CS – Common education Health Policy Assessments

SB 1268 – Mazzei / SB 1850 – Sykes – CS – Sales tax holiday for school supplies

SB 1333 – Ford – CS – Enhances Career Tech courses that qualify for college credit

SB 1339 – Paddack – CNP FS – Alternative end-of-instruction tests

SB 1374 – Crain – CNP FS – School districts shall pay for remediation if student passed college prep class with “B” or above

SB 1375 – Paddack – CNP FS – Schools shall administer ACT Explore test to 8th graders and ACT Plan tests to 10th graders

SB 1382 – Anderson – CO – Repeals A.C.E. testing requirements

SB 1339 – Paddack – CNP FS – Alternative testing requirements

SB 1359 – Anderson – CNP FS – Allows high ed to use New College funds for operating expenses

SB 1391 – Stanislawski – CNP FS – Eliminates end-of-instruction test and replaces with ACT

SB 1610 – Halligan – CNP FS – Adds fourth year of math to core curriculum

SB 1617 – Halligan – CS – Administration performance training for schools on “needs improvement” list for four years

SB 1618 – Halligan – CNP FS – Adds additional math unit to core curriculum

SB 1784 – Stanislawski – CNP FS – Authorizes common ed school districts to use textbook funds for instructional expenses

SB 1799 – Paddack – CNP FS – Can take make-up end-of-instruction tests in year following an unsuccessful attempt two weeks before regular test administration

SB 1858 – Paddack – CNP FS – Authorizes common ed school districts to use textbook funds for instructional expenses

SB 1862 – Coffee – CS – Charter Schools Act

SB 1922 – Newberry – CS – Tax credits to employers for donating to scholarship granting organizations

SB 1926 – Newberry – CS – Tax credits to employers paying for employee continuing education

SB 2032 – Coffee – CS – Teacher incentive pay plan

SB 2057 – Nichols – CNP FS – Revised graduation requirements

SB 2062 – Ford – CS – Creates a P-20 Council to coordinate and align standards

SB 2109 – Stanislawski / **SB 2319** – Stanislawski – CNP-FS – Internet instruction requirements

SB 2129 – Stanislawski – CS – Task Force on virtual schools

SB 2139 – Ford – CS – Requires common education secondary school districts to develop graduation rate targets

SB 2141 – Jolley – CS – Healthy Schools Act

SB 2211 – Jolley – CS – Requires common education districts to comply with student tracking system or lose state aid

SB 2218 – Stanislawski – CS – Task Force on streamlining common education administration

SB 2309 – Paddack – CNP-FS – Revises graduation requirements

SB 2330 – Ford – CS – Common education de-regulation

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Labor

HB 2554 - Steve Martin – CNP FS – A majority of employees in a municipal bargaining unit can no longer authorize an employee organization for collective bargaining certification with the Public Employees Relations Board. It must be done by election.

HB 2566 - Wesselhoft – CS – Makes an appropriation to the Employment Security Fund.

HB 2616 - Procter & **SB 1937** – Coates – CNP FS – Creates the "Oklahoma Employee Classification Act" to address the problem of misclassifying employees as independent contractors through enforcement of requirements by the Department of Labor.

HB 2636 - Dennis Johnson – CNP – Allows fees and fines to be paid by bank draft, check, cashier's check, money order, cash, or nationally recognized credit card or debit card to the Department of Labor.

HB 2704 - Randy McDaniel – CNP – The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission can require unemployment benefit claimants to produce information relevant to their claim. Those who don't produce the information may have their benefits suspended.

HB 2847 – Joyner – CNP FS – Strikes language specifying that a drug or alcohol test has to be conducted under the provisions of the Standards for Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Act.

HB 2911- Morgan & SB 1675 - Coates – CO - Mandates that persons who own at least 5% of a business entity with pending wage claim, workers' comp claims or penalties must file an affidavit with the state before creating any new business entity.

HB 3081 - Hamilton – CO - Prohibits state agencies and businesses doing business with the State Government from engaging in business activities who do not meet certain employment and environment standards.

HB 3386 - Terrill – CO - Establishes the English Language as the official language of Oklahoma. Mandates that the state work to preserve and enhance the role of English as the official language of Oklahoma.

SB 1280 - Anderson – CNP FS - Removes medical care programs, including personal care services approved by the Department of Human Services, from the definition of excluded employment.

SB 1384 - Rice – CNP FS - Would require the OTC, the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Court, and the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission to pool efforts in detecting employers that misclassify individuals to withhold money.

SB 1385 & SB 1970 - Mazzei & Wilson – CNP FS - Creates a Shared Work Unemployment Compensation Program to encourage employers to cut hours instead of lay off workers. Difference in wages would be paid to employees by the state Unemployment Compensation Fund.

SB 1626 - Coates – CNP – Mandates that the notice regarding the OK Minimum Wage Act that employers must post contain a disclaimer that said notice is available at no cost from the Oklahoma Department of Labor.

SB 1627 - Coates – CO - Creates a \$50 fine to be assessed against employers each time they make deductions from an employee's paycheck without providing a brief itemized statement of such deductions.

SB 1643 - Gumm – CO - Prohibits the use of consumer credit reports as a basis for employment or participation decisions by employers or labor organizations. Specifies what constitutes a violation and notes subsequent required procedures.

SB 1677 - Coates – CS - Provides filing fee exemption for the Dept of Labor for the creation of a lien, as well as for judgment creditors when filing judgments of the Dept of Labor, provided such judgment does not exceed \$2,500.

SB 1814 - Crain – CNP - Includes a definition of sex in regards to employment discrimination and states that those affected by pregnancy, childbirth, or other related conditions shall be treated the same as their contemporaries for purposes of employment.

SB 1843 - Easley – CNP - Prohibits any person from using a cellular phone for the reading and writing of text-based communication.

SB 2121 - Sparks – CNP FS - Beginning in 2011, overtime pay will be exempt from the income tax.

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Research and Development

Research

HB 3036 – Reynolds - CO- Repeals EDGE legislation and takes endowment (\$150 M) to general fund.

HB 2531 - Schwartz - CO - Mandates 15% of all funds... with the purpose of research and development be used for product testing or product evaluation.

HB 3031 - Benge - CS - Authorizes Oklahoma Capital Improvements Board authority to issue bonds, notes and other obligations to restructure/refinancing of outstanding obligations. (Matching Funds for Endowed professorships)

HB 3092 – Reynolds - CO- Disqualifies a broad range of individuals from multiple tax credits.

Technology

SB 1267 – Mazzei – CNP FS - Eliminates tax credits for hydrogen fuel cell vehicles/related equipment after tax year '10.

SB 1597 – Stanislawski – CNP FS – limits the term of state boards and commission members to 6yr/12 yr for current members.

HB 2316 – Smithson – CS – unlawful for any person to sell a “spoofing” card

HB 2556 – Martin, Scott – CNP FS - Imposes a \$0.25 prepaid wireless 911 fee per retail transaction. Fee would fund the 911 calling service and defines “prepaid wireless telecommunications service”.

HB 2600 – Morrissette – CNP FS - requires all public contracts \$25,000 or more must be awarded to the “best value” bidder and defines “best value”.

HB 2800 – Kiesel – CS - authorizes executor to have control of deceased person’s social networking, micro blogging, or email accounts.

HB 2829 – Peters – CNP FS – amends statute references pertaining to the Oklahoma Telecommunications Act of 1997.

HB 3370 – Jett – CNP FS – Creates the Telecommunications Property Incentives Act

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Transportation

SB 1764 – Bingman – CS – Authorizes a new turnpike in Tulsa.

SB 1766 – Schulz – CO – Allows counties to issue permits to regulate oversized and overweight vehicles.

SB 1773 – Brogdon – CO – Requires legislative approval for the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds and toll changes.

SB 1941 – Marlatt – CS – Creates the “Innovative Funding for Oklahoma Roads Task Force” to study and evaluate innovations, technologies and new methods being used nationally to fund road and bridge infrastructure.

SB 2066 – CS – Sparks – New law. Authorizes the secretary of transportation to accept and review proposals for transportation projects from persons, firms, corporations, coalitions or public-private partnerships. The secretary would also be authorized to submit promising proposals to the speaker and the pro tempore, who would submit them to the legislature.

HB 2790 – Kouplen – CNP – Extends the \$1.00 per day late penalty for expired vehicle registrations through 2015. Provides that 50 cents of the \$1.00 shall go to the REAP Fund.

HB 3020 – Scott – CO – The “Oklahoma Vehicle Inspection Act.” Reinstates vehicle inspections in Oklahoma. Stipulates that those residing in Oklahoma or Tulsa Counties or within a 25 mile radius of them must have their vehicles inspected in those counties if the area is a clean air non-attainment area. Provides for gas cap integrity testing in ozone violation areas.

HB 3220 – CS – Authorizes a new turnpike in Tulsa.

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Water/Natural Resources/Energy

Water

SB 1689 – Paddock – CNP – The “Oklahoma Water Center Act.” Creates the Oklahoma Water Center as a part of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan. (OCWP). The center is to act as a water science and research advisory council to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) in the implementation of the OCWP. Members to be appointed by the executive director of the OWRB.

SB 1792 – Gumm – CO – Provides that should the sale or transfer of water occur, any compensation received by the state will go for infrastructure in the area of origin through the REAP plan.

HB 2755 – Fields – CO – Creates the Oklahoma Water Commission. Directs the commission to prepare and implement a comprehensive water plan.

Natural Resources

SB 1874 – Bingman – CS – Provides that any tank owner or tank owner who paid for an underground storage tank system suitability study between July 1, 2008 and January 12, 2009, shall be eligible for reimbursement.

SB 1896 – Bingman – CO – Levies container recovery fees on beverage distributors, dealers and consumers.

HB 2916 – McCullough – CO – Creates the Oklahoma Deposit Beverage Container Recycling Act administered by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality. Begins at ¼ cent to be paid by beverage distributors in 2011. Eventually graduates up to 5 cents in 2013. Beginning, June 1, 2013, distributors shall charge dealers the 5-cent deposit. Dealers would begin charging consumers on that date also.

HB 3219 – Kern – CNP – A referendum that creates the Oklahoma Environmental authority Act. Reserves the regulation of environmental laws such as those dealing with air quality, public water supplies, etc; for the state.

Energy

SB 1622 – Myers – CS – Encourages electric energy providers, located in or otherwise providing retail electric service to Oklahoma consumers to utilize renewable electric energy and achieve a goal of 15 percent of load capacity in this state by 2015 and 20 percent by 2020. Allows for counting of existing renewable energy capacity toward these goals.

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Workers' Compensation

HB 2639 - McCullough & Moore – CS – Creates the Workers' Compensation Commission. Clarifies definitions. Details how claims are to be made, processed, disputed, or otherwise administered. Reestablishes the Workers' Compensation Court as the Court of Existing Claims. (NOTE: This bill is 90% the work of The State Chamber's Workers' Compensation Working Group which spent ten months working with Representatives McCullough and Moore on putting this bill together.)

HB 2650 - Sullivan – CS – Employers will not be granted immunity from workers' compensation claims if the injury resulted from the "willful intention" of the employer.

HB 2652 - Sullivan – CS – This bill has become the House leaderships' major workers' compensation bill.

HB 2881- Dank – CO – Authorizes that employers may elect to obtain workers' compensation insurance coverage. Employers must notify Insurance Commissioner if they do not elect to obtain coverage. Establishes procedure for worker's compensation cases without coverage.

HB 2886 - Moore – CNP FS - Gives the OK State Employees Benefits Council the power to take bids from private entities for the purpose of providing workers' compensation insurance for state agencies, and requires that the entity comply with Council requests.

HB 3169 - Hickman – CO - Prohibits employers with 5 or fewer employees with one of which being the spouse of the employer, from insuring said spouse under the Workers' Compensation Act.

SB 1973 – Coffee – CS – The Senate leaderships' plan for workers' compensation reform.

SB 2085 - Marlatt – CS – Clarifies that post accident alcohol or drug testing results or the refusal of an employee to submit to testing shall be admissible as evidence in workers' compensation matters as pursuant to the OK Workers' Comp Act.

SB 2299 - Sykes – CO - Requires demonstration of clear evidence of willful intent to cause injury by employer in order for an employee to receive damages outside of Worker's Compensation Court, also ensures gender-neutrality.

SJR 66 - Coffee – CO – Limits the amount in claims for legal services for workers' compensation benefits.

HB 2662 – Sullivan & **SB 2232** – Aldridge – CO – Calls for the sale of CompSource Oklahoma with the state receiving all proceeds from such sale.

HB 2880 – Dank – CNP – Calls for the mutualization of CompSource Oklahoma.

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