

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
4 SENATE BILL 275

By: Kirt of the Senate

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8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to housing; creating the Oklahoma
10 Workforce Housing Commission; providing for
membership; stating quorum; providing for
11 qualifications for Commission members; stating
appointment terms; subjecting Commission to Oklahoma
Open Meeting Act and Oklahoma Open Records Act;
12 stating purpose; providing for promulgation of rules
by the Oklahoma Workforce Commission; authorizing the
Commission to implement certain reports and plans for
13 expansion of affordable housing; requiring
distribution and recommendations from Commission to
the Governor and Legislature; providing for
14 codification; and providing an effective date.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2904 of Title 74, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. There is hereby created on January 1, 2026, to continue
22 until December 30, 2035, the Oklahoma Workforce Housing Commission.
23 The Commission shall be composed of fifteen (15) members. The
24 members shall serve as follows:

- 1 1. Five members shall be appointed by the Governor:
- 2 a. one shall be a person living in an urban area with a
- 3 population more than seventy-five thousand (75,000)
- 4 persons according to the latest Federal Decennial
- 5 Census,
- 6 b. one shall be a person living in a rural community in a
- 7 county with a population less than seventy-five
- 8 thousand (75,000) persons according to the latest
- 9 Federal Decennial Census,
- 10 c. one shall be an official serving in a city, town, or
- 11 political subdivision in a county with a population
- 12 less than seventy-five thousand (75,000) persons
- 13 according to the latest Federal Decennial Census,
- 14 d. one shall represent an organization that assists
- 15 special populations, including, but not limited to,
- 16 the elderly, the disabled, veterans, and children
- 17 transitioning out of foster care, in obtaining
- 18 affordable housing, and
- 19 e. one shall represent an Oklahoma rural housing
- 20 authority;

21 2. Five members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore
22 of the Senate:

- 23 a. one shall be a Senator from the majority party who
- 24 shall serve as co-chair of the Commission,

- 1 b. one shall be a Senator from the minority party who
2 shall serve as co-vice chair of the Commission,
3 c. one shall represent a low-income and moderate-to-low-
4 income population-serving financial institution or a
5 community development financial institution, as
6 defined by the Federal Reserve,
7 d. one shall be an official serving in a municipality
8 with a population more than seventy-five thousand
9 (75,000) persons according to the latest Federal
10 Decennial Census, and
11 e. one shall represent an urban housing authority;

12 3. Five members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House

13 of Representatives:

- 14 a. one shall be a Representative from the majority party
15 who shall serve as co-chair of the Commission,
16 b. one shall be a Representative from the minority party
17 who shall serve as co-vice chair of the Commission,
18 c. one shall represent a federally recognized tribe in
19 Oklahoma that develops housing in rural areas,
20 d. one shall be a representative from a community housing
21 development organization, and
22 e. one shall represent a not-for-profit organization that
23 serves low-income Oklahomans experiencing difficulty
24 in obtaining affordable housing; and

4. The following shall be ex officio members:

a. a representative from the Oklahoma Housing Finance

Agency representing statewide housing programs,

b. an Oklahoma representative of the United States

Department of Agriculture, and

c. the Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Workforce

Commission, or his or her designee.

B. Eight members shall constitute a quorum, and the vote of the majority of members present shall be necessary for any action to be taken by the Commission.

C. For the initial appointments of members to the Commission,

each appointment shall be for a two-year term. Thereafter, the

terms of the Commission shall be for three (3) years.

D. No member of the Commission shall receive a salary or

reimbursement for duties performed as a member of the Commission.

E. The Commission shall serve as the primary coordinating body

for addressing the needs of workers at all income levels by

advancing suitable housing in the state to facilitate community

economic growth.

F. The meetings of the Commission shall be subject to the

Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2904.1 of Title 74, unless there

is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 The Oklahoma Workforce Commission shall promulgate rules
2 relating to:

3 1. An initial comprehensive Oklahoma workforce housing
4 environmental scan and needs assessment;

5 2. A comprehensive Oklahoma housing annual report and action
6 plan to be submitted electronically to the Governor and the
7 Legislature and made available on the Commission website;

8 3. A state plan for long-term expansion of workforce and
9 affordable housing across the state;

10 4. A review of the implementation and outcomes of the
11 investment in the Oklahoma Housing Stability Program created in
12 Section 2903 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

13 5. An evaluation to make recommendations to the Legislature on
14 policies and incentives to increase the development, inventory, and
15 diversification of housing stock to meet demand for economic
16 development across the state; and

17 6. Any other rules necessary to carry out the purpose and
18 mission of the Oklahoma Workforce Housing Commission pursuant to
19 Section 1 of this act.

20 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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