

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1822

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to transportation; defining term;
8 requiring Oklahoma Department of Transportation
9 establish and implement certain program; detailing
program requirements; providing for codification; and
providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1239 of Title 69, unless there
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. As used in this section, the term "invasive woody species"
16 means a tree or shrub species that is rapidly encroaching into
17 adjoining lands and is likely to cause harm to the environment or
18 economy. Invasive woody species include, but are not limited to,
19 Juniperus virginiana (Eastern Redcedar), Juniperus scopulorum (Rocky
20 Mountain juniper), Juniperus monosperma (oneseed juniper) and
21 Tamarix ramosissima (salt cedar).

22 B. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall establish
23 and implement a program for the systematic identification, removal,

1 and management of invasive woody species within rights-of-way under
2 its jurisdiction. The eradication program shall include the
3 following components:

4 1. Surveys to identify the presence and extent of invasive
5 woody species;

6 2. Development of a prioritized plan for eradication and
7 control;

8 3. Use of best management practices for removal, including
9 methods that minimize harm to native vegetation and prevent soil
10 erosion;

11 4. Monitoring and follow-up measures to prevent
12 reestablishment; and

13 5. Collaboration with local, state, and federal agencies, as
14 well as nongovernmental organizations, to leverage expertise and
15 resources.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.
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