

1                           **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**  
2                           April 23, 2025  
3                           **AS AMENDED**

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
4 BILL NO. 1822

By: Wilk, Newton, and Archer of  
the House

5                           and

6                           Murdock of the Senate

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9                           [ transportation - Oklahoma Department of  
10                           Transportation - program - codification - effective  
date ]

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13 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:**

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

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

1       B. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall establish  
2 and implement a program for the systematic identification, removal,  
3 and management of invasive woody species within rights-of-way under  
4 its jurisdiction. The eradication program shall include the  
5 following components:

6           1. Surveys to identify the presence and extent of invasive  
7 woody species;

8           2. Development of a prioritized plan for eradication and  
9 control;

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

13          4. Monitoring and follow-up measures to prevent  
14 reestablishment; and

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

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

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
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