

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 HOUSE BILL 1822

By: Wilk and **Newton** of the
House

5 and

6 **Murdock** of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1239 of Title 69, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

1 Mountain juniper), *Juniperus monosperma* (oneseed juniper) and
2 *Tamarix ramosissima* (salt cedar).

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

8 1. Surveys to identify the presence and extent of invasive
9 woody species;

10 2. Development of a prioritized plan for eradication and
11 control;

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

15 4. Monitoring and follow-up measures to prevent
16 reestablishment; and

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

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

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22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
23 03/06/2025 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.
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