

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2495 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Brian Hill

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE
4 SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2495

By: Hill

7 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to state government; creating the
9 Rural Quality of Life until a certain date; directing
10 the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department to
11 market the program; directing the Oklahoma Department
12 of Commerce to administer the program and promulgate
13 rules; directing the Department to accept
14 applications from municipalities and match certain
15 funds; requiring certain plans and budget information
16 be included within the application; providing for
17 allowable expenditures; defining term; providing for
18 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2236A of Title 74, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. There is hereby created the Rural Quality of Life until
24 November 1, 2025. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department
shall market the program. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall
administer the program and promulgate administrative rules necessary
to implement the provisions of this section.

1 B. The Department shall accept applications from municipalities
2 within this state to match funds derived from the Department in an
3 amount equal to those funds provided by the municipality, up to Five
4 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), for allowable expenditures. The
5 Department shall be authorized to approve or deny an application.

6 C. Each municipality shall prepare and submit appropriate
7 plans, including a budget work program, in its application.
8 Expenditures for obligations incurred before the Department approves
9 an application and any changes thereto, and expenditures not in
10 accordance with the municipality's plans and budget work program,
11 shall not be allowable expenditures.

12 D. Allowable expenditures shall be based upon actual
13 expenditures by the municipality less any discount, refund, or
14 rebate to the municipality.

15 E. As used in this section, "allowable expenditures" means
16 expenditures by a municipality, submitted to the Department for
17 matching funds, to create a positive economic impact via tourism
18 including, but not limited to, a statue, structure, or mural, which
19 would result in tourism revenue in a municipal area.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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