

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1847

By: Kane and **Kerbs** of the House

and

Green of the Senate

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10 An Act relating to environment and natural resources;
11 amending 27A O.S. 2021, Section 2251, which relates
12 to the Emergency Drought Commission; expanding
13 Commission membership; and declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 27A O.S. 2021, Section 2251, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 2251. In the event of a formal declaration of emergency
18 drought conditions by the Governor, the Emergency Drought Commission
19 shall be formed consisting of the Executive Director of the Oklahoma
20 Conservation Commission, the Secretary of Agriculture ~~and~~, the
21 Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, one member
22 who resides west of Interstate 35 (I-35), appointed by the Speaker
23 of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and one member who resides
24 east of Interstate 35 (I-35), appointed by the President Pro Tempore

1 of the Oklahoma State Senate. The Emergency Drought Commission
2 shall determine the expenditures to be made from the Emergency
3 Drought Relief Fund created in Section 1 of this act, subject to
4 approval by the Governor and shall determine the appropriate agency
5 to expend the funds. The Emergency Drought Commission shall also
6 serve as a drought advisory panel to the Governor and the various
7 state agencies. The activities of the Emergency Drought Commission
8 shall continue until it is determined by the Governor that a drought
9 emergency no longer exists in the state.

10 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
11 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
12 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
13 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, dated 02/22/2023 - DO
16 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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