

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 454

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to invasive woody species; requiring certain reporting; identifying certain agencies and institutions; requiring certain report transmission; defining certain term; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 126 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. State agencies and public institutions listed in subsection B of this section shall prepare a report that includes:

1. Documented efforts and associated costs within the past ten (10) years to eradicate invasive woody species;

2. An estimate of the amount of acreage owned by the state agency or public institution covered by invasive woody species;

3. A plan on future eradication efforts on the property of the state agency or public institution of invasive woody species within the next five (5) years; and

4. The associated costs of the future eradication efforts.

1 B. State agencies and public institutions required to prepare a
2 report pursuant to subsection A of this section are as follows:

- 3 1. The Commissioners of the Land Office;
- 4 2. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry;
- 5 3. The Department of Corrections;
- 6 4. The Grand River Dam Authority;
- 7 5. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department;
- 8 6. The Department of Transportation;
- 9 7. The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority;
- 10 8. The Department of Wildlife Conservation; and
- 11 9. Any public universities or technical schools of this state.

12 C. State agencies and public institutions required to prepare a
13 report pursuant to this section shall transmit the report
14 electronically to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the
15 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the
16 Office of Management and Enterprise Services by January 1, 2024.

17 D. As used in section, "invasive woody species" includes:

- 18 1. *Juniperus virginiana* or the eastern red cedar;
- 19 2. *Tamarix ramosissima* or the salt cedar;
- 20 3. *Juniperus scopulorum* or the Rocky Mountain juniper; and
- 21 4. *Prosopis glandulosa* or the honey mesquite.

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

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