

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2751 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: Trey Caldwell \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 PROPOSED POLICY  
4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2751

By: Caldwell (Trey)

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8 PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to electric transmission facilities;  
10 granting certain authority to the Oklahoma  
11 Corporation Commission; determining conditions for  
12 when certain utilities shall construct, own, or  
13 maintain certain facilities; determining connection  
14 of transmission facilities to generation facilities;  
15 requiring competitive bids for specific construction  
16 projects; requiring the use of an independent  
17 evaluator; protecting use of right of way; requiring  
18 certain Certificates of Authority for certain  
19 entities; providing for codification; providing an  
20 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 296 of Title 17, unless there is  
24 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Commission shall have the authority to ensure the  
development of a new high-voltage transmission line of three hundred  
kilovolts (300kV) or greater approved for construction in a

1 Southwest Power Pool transmission plan provides reliable service at  
2 the lowest reasonable cost to Oklahoma retail electric consumers.

3 B. For a retail electric supplier or rural electric cooperative  
4 with an approved extension of its existing electric transmission  
5 facility or to the facilities within or through any territory  
6 already served by or connecting to facilities owned by it, the  
7 retail electric supplier or rural electric cooperative shall be  
8 permitted to construct, own, and maintain such facilities meet the  
9 following conditions:

10 1. The retail electric supplier or rural electric cooperative  
11 identifies any energy resource to which the electric transmission  
12 facility is to be directly connected or, to the extent known,  
13 resources to which the electric transmission facility could be  
14 connected to integrate new or existing natural gas generation;

15 2. The retail electric supplier or rural electric cooperative  
16 solicits competitive bids for construction of an extension of the  
17 electric transmission facility. Transmission developers, as defined  
18 in Section 291 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall not be  
19 precluded from submitting bids through the solicitation described in  
20 this section; and

21 3. Such solicitation for competitive bids is overseen by an  
22 independent evaluator appointed by the Commission. The Commission's  
23 independent evaluator shall consider factors including, but not  
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1 limited to, cost of construction, cost of operation and maintenance,  
2 reliability, and decommissioning in its evaluation.

3 C. Nothing in this section is intended to supersede the rights  
4 of any person, firm, corporation, entity, or incumbent electric  
5 transmission owner described in any other statute, alter an  
6 incumbent electric transmission owner's use and control of its  
7 existing right of way, or eliminate any requirement for a  
8 transmission developer to seek a Certificate of Authority pursuant  
9 to Enrolled House Bill No. 2756 of the 60th Regular Session of the  
10 Oklahoma Legislature.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

12 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
13 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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