

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 275

6 By: Kirt of the Senate

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8 Pae of the House

9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to housing; creating the Oklahoma
11 Workforce Housing Commission; providing for
12 membership; stating quorum; providing for
13 qualifications for Commission members; stating
14 appointment terms; subjecting Commission to Oklahoma
15 Open Meeting Act and Oklahoma Open Records Act;
16 stating purpose; providing for promulgation of rules
17 by the Oklahoma Workforce Commission; authorizing the
18 Commission to implement certain reports and plans for
19 expansion of affordable housing; requiring
20 distribution and recommendations from Commission to
21 the Governor and Legislature; providing for
22 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

24 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2904 of Title 74, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created on January 1, 2026, to continue
until December 30, 2035, the Oklahoma Workforce Housing Commission.
The Commission shall be composed of fifteen (15) members. The
members shall serve as follows:

1 1. Five members shall be appointed by the Governor:

2 a. one shall be a person living in an urban area with a
3 population more than seventy-five thousand (75,000)
4 persons according to the latest Federal Decennial
5 Census,

6 b. one shall be a person living in a rural community in a
7 county with a population less than seventy-five
8 thousand (75,000) persons according to the latest
9 Federal Decennial Census,

10 c. one shall be an official serving in a city, town, or
11 political subdivision in a county with a population
12 less than seventy-five thousand (75,000) persons
13 according to the latest Federal Decennial Census,

14 d. one shall represent an organization that assists
15 special populations, including, but not limited to,
16 the elderly, the disabled, veterans, and children
17 transitioning out of foster care, in obtaining
18 affordable housing, and

19 e. one shall represent an Oklahoma rural housing
20 authority;

21 2. Five members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore
22 of the Senate:

23 a. one shall be a Senator from the majority party who
24 shall serve as co-chair of the Commission,

- b. one shall be a Senator from the minority party who shall serve as co-vice chair of the Commission,
- c. one shall represent a low-income and moderate-to-low-income population-serving financial institution or a community development financial institution, as defined by the Federal Reserve,
- d. one shall be an official serving in a municipality with a population more than seventy-five thousand (75,000) persons according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, and
- e. one shall represent an urban housing authority;

3. Five members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

- a. one shall be a Representative from the majority party who shall serve as co-chair of the Commission,
- b. one shall be a Representative from the minority party who shall serve as co-vice chair of the Commission,
- c. one shall represent a federally recognized tribe in Oklahoma that develops housing in rural areas,
- d. one shall be a representative from a community housing development organization, and
- e. one shall represent a not-for-profit organization that serves low-income Oklahomans experiencing difficulty in obtaining affordable housing; and

1 4. The following shall be ex officio members:

2 a. a representative from the Oklahoma Housing Finance
3 Agency representing statewide housing programs,

4 b. an Oklahoma representative of the United States
5 Department of Agriculture, and

6 c. the Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Workforce
7 Commission, or his or her designee.

8 B. Eight members shall constitute a quorum, and the vote of the
9 majority of members present shall be necessary for any action to be
10 taken by the Commission.

11 C. For the initial appointments of members to the Commission,
12 each appointment shall be for a two-year term. Thereafter, the
13 terms of the Commission shall be for three (3) years.

14 D. No member of the Commission shall receive a salary or
15 reimbursement for duties performed as a member of the Commission.

16 E. The Commission shall serve as the primary coordinating body
17 for addressing the needs of workers at all income levels by
18 advancing suitable housing in the state to facilitate community
19 economic growth.

20 F. The meetings of the Commission shall be subject to the
21 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

22 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2904.1 of Title 74, unless there
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 The Oklahoma Workforce Commission shall promulgate rules
2 relating to:

3 1. An initial comprehensive Oklahoma workforce housing
4 environmental scan and needs assessment;

5 2. A comprehensive Oklahoma housing annual report and action
6 plan to be submitted electronically to the Governor and the
7 Legislature and made available on the Commission website;

8 3. A state plan for long-term expansion of workforce and
9 affordable housing across the state;

10 4. A review of the implementation and outcomes of the
11 investment in the Oklahoma Housing Stability Program created in
12 Section 2903 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

13 5. An evaluation to make recommendations to the Legislature on
14 policies and incentives to increase the development, inventory, and
15 diversification of housing stock to meet demand for economic
16 development across the state; and

17 6. Any other rules necessary to carry out the purpose and
18 mission of the Oklahoma Workforce Housing Commission pursuant to
19 Section 1 of this act.

20 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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