

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                       1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 HOUSE BILL 1571

By: Lawson of the House

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9   AS INTRODUCED

10           An Act relating to Route 66; amending Section 1,  
11           Chapter 412, O.S.L. 2022 (69 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section  
12           4040), which relates to the Oklahoma Route 66  
13           Commission; removing expiration date of the Oklahoma  
14           Route 66 Commission; amending Section 2, Chapter 412,  
15           O.S.L. 2022 (69 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 4041), which  
16           relates to the Oklahoma Route 66 Commission Revolving  
17           Fund; modifying conditions for budgeting and  
18           expenditures of funds; and providing an effective  
19           date.

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

SECTION 1.           AMENDATORY           Section 1, Chapter 412, O.S.L.  
2022 (69 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 4040), is amended to read as  
follows:

Section 4040.   A.   There is hereby created ~~until June 30, 2027,~~  
the Oklahoma Route 66 Commission.   The Commission shall be composed  
of nine (9) members.   The members shall serve as follows:

1           1. One member shall be appointed by the Governor and selected  
2 from the Commissioners of the Oklahoma Tax Commission, whose first  
3 term shall be for one (1) year, and then renewable for three-year  
4 terms thereafter;

5           2. One shall be the Executive Director of the Oklahoma  
6 Department of Transportation, or his or her designee, whose first  
7 term shall be for two (2) years, and then renewable for three-year  
8 terms thereafter;

9           3. One shall be the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tourism  
10 and Recreation Department, or his or her designee, whose first term  
11 shall be for three (3) years, and then renewable for three-year  
12 terms thereafter;

13           4. Three members shall be appointed by the President Pro  
14 Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate of which:

15           a. one shall be a citizen of a county containing a  
16           portion of Route 66, whose first term shall be for one  
17           (1) year, and renewable for three-year terms  
18           thereafter,

19           b. one shall be a city manager, assistant city manager,  
20           or economic development director for a municipality on  
21           Route 66 with a population greater than ten thousand  
22           (10,000), whose first term shall be for two (2) years,  
23           and renewable for three-year terms thereafter, and  
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1 c. one shall be an Oklahoma citizen with expertise or  
2 experience in historic preservation, whose first term  
3 shall be for three (3) years, and then renewable for  
4 three-year terms thereafter; and

5 5. Three members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the  
6 Oklahoma House of Representatives of which:

7 a. one shall be a citizen of a county containing a  
8 portion of Route 66, whose first term shall be for one  
9 (1) year, and then renewable for three-year terms  
10 thereafter,

11 b. one of whom shall be a business owner whose business  
12 is located along Route 66 within a city or town whose  
13 population is less than ten thousand (10,000), whose  
14 first term shall be for two (2) years, and then  
15 renewable for three-year terms thereafter, and

16 c. one shall be an Oklahoma citizen with expertise or  
17 experience in marketing, whose first term shall be for  
18 three (3) years, and then renewable for three-year  
19 terms thereafter.

20 B. The Commission shall utilize the Oklahoma Route 66  
21 Commission Revolving Fund as authorized in Section 2 of this act.

22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 412, O.S.L.  
23 2022 (69 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 4041), is amended to read as  
24 follows:

1 Section 4041. Oklahoma Route 66 Commission Revolving Fund.

2 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving  
3 fund to be designated as the "Oklahoma Route 66 Commission Revolving  
4 Fund", which shall consist of all monies appropriated, transferred,  
5 or otherwise designated to the fund by law. The revolving fund  
6 shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations,  
7 and shall be under the administration of the Oklahoma Route 66  
8 Commission. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are  
9 hereby appropriated, and shall be budgeted and expended in  
10 accordance with the provisions of subsection B of this section for  
11 the purpose of preserving and developing Route 66 and commemorating  
12 the Route 66 Centennial.

13 B. ~~No funds~~ Funds shall be budgeted or expended from the  
14 Oklahoma Route 66 Commission Revolving Fund ~~prior to July 1, 2023,~~  
15 ~~or prior to the approval by the Legislature of promulgated permanent~~  
16 in accordance with rules adopted by the Commission ~~pursuant to the~~  
17 ~~provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act.~~

18 C. The Oklahoma Route 66 Commission shall promulgate, pursuant  
19 to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, permanent  
20 rules subject to approval by the Legislature, to implement:

- 21 1. Application procedures for projects submitting requests for  
22 funds;
- 23 2. Processes for awarding of funding applications;
- 24 3. Details of the Commission's general duties;

1 4. Reporting requirements of the Commission to the Legislature;  
2 and

3 5. Any other rules necessary to carry out the purpose and  
4 mission of the Commission as expressed in this act.

5 D. All unencumbered funds remaining in the Oklahoma Route 66  
6 Commission Revolving Fund upon the expiration of the Oklahoma Route  
7 66 Commission shall be transferred to the State Treasurer for  
8 deposit in the General Revenue Fund.

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

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
12 OVERSIGHT, dated 02/25/2025 - DO PASS.

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