

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 4, 2025

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 275

By: Kirt of the Senate

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9 [housing - Commission - promulgation of rules -
10 expansion of affordable housing - recommendations -
11 codification - effective date]

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

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

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

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

22 a. one shall be a person living in an urban area with a
23 population more than seventy-five thousand (75,000)

1 persons according to the latest Federal Decennial
2 Census,

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

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

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

16 e. one shall represent an Oklahoma rural housing
17 authority;

18 2. Five members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore
19 of the Senate:

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

22 b. one shall be a Senator from the minority party who
23 shall serve as co-vice chair of the Commission,
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- 1 c. one shall represent a low-income and moderate-to-low-
- 2 income population-serving financial institution or a
- 3 community development financial institution, as
- 4 defined by the Federal Reserve,
- 5 d. one shall be an official serving in a municipality
- 6 with a population more than seventy-five thousand
- 7 (75,000) persons according to the latest Federal
- 8 Decennial Census, and
- 9 e. one shall represent an urban housing authority;

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

11 of Representatives:

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

23 4. The following shall be ex officio members:

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- 1 a. a representative from the Oklahoma Housing Finance
2 Agency representing statewide housing programs,
3 b. an Oklahoma representative of the United States
4 Department of Agriculture, and
5 c. the Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Workforce
6 Commission, or his or her designee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WORKFORCE
AND TOURISM

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